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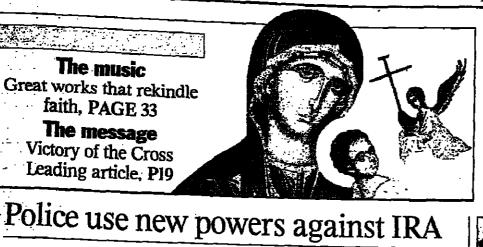
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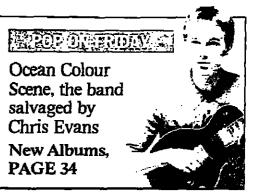
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Anti-terror search zones are enforced

By Richard Ford and Nicholas Watt

POLICE are to stop and search pedestrians in parts of London over the holiday weekend, taking full use of their new powers rushed through Parliament this week amid fears of IRA terror attacks. The clampdown came as the

IRA ended hopes of a new ceasefire by warning that they would pursue undaunted their campaign of violence - a message described by one minister as threatening people so that they have to look over their shoulder all through Easter".

The threat was reinforced by Gerry Adams, who said that everyone had to live with the reality that the ceasefire had ended. "Therefore one could hear on the next news broadcast reports of some IRA operation," the Sinn Fein president told a Belfast press

The IRA's traditional Easter message was issued only hours after new anti-terrorist laws passed through Parliament and received the Royal Assent on Wednesday night. The police and security ser vices are on alert as the republican movement prepares to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the 1916: Easter Rising on Sunday.

Mainland forces have received intelligence warnings of possible IRA attacks using small incendiary devices and the Metropolitan Police have already made parts of the capital "special designated areas" under the new legislation, so that officers can stop and

search pedestrians. Extra police will be patroi-

ling the streets of London over the weekend, there will be parking restrictions in some areas and more people are expected to be stopped to deter the terrorists. Police sources refused, however, to identify any part of the capital which had been designated a "special area". Officers are under no obligation to tell people that they are being stopped under the new terrorist law, al-

though they must inform them within 12 months why they

were searched. The IRA's message, published in the Sinn Fein newspaper An Phoblacht, said that it remained ready to assist moves towards a "meaningful negotiating process" on the future of Northern Ireland, but it insisted that its "mandate for armed struggle derives from Britain's denial of the fundamental right of the Irish people to national self-deter-

mination and sovereignty". Baroness Denton, the Northern Ireland Economy Minister, denomined the statement as condemning people to spend the holiday weekend looking over their shoulders. She urged republican leaders to have the courage to accept that there was a different way and try it.

But Mr Adams said that there was little chance of a renewed ceasefire yet. The IRA ended its cessation, regretiably, on 9 February," he said. There is nothing to suggest that it is just going to do a total about face."

Earlier he said that the statement reflected the reality of the situation in a very clear

way. "On the one hand, the IRA is re-stating its position on what has happened to date. And on the other hand, it is taking a more positive attitude in terms of what is possible in the future. I think it is not all

doom and gloom." John Hume, the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, also said that he found positive elements of the stateent encouraging.

But Unionists said it meant the ceasefire would not be restored before all-party talks are due to begin on June 10. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionists' security spokesman, said that the hard line taken by the IRA was a reflection of their lack of electoral support. They are lost because they don't have an agenda that can be met through the democratic

Niall O'Dowd, the Irish-American publisher who played a key role in mediating between Sinn Fein and the White House, warned the IRA that it would lose American 200dwill forever it it failed to restore its ceasefire. He said a full scale terrorist campaign would turn the Republicans into "eternal outsiders".

His comments came as President Clinton's Administration maintained intense pressure on Sinn Fein to call on the IRA to restore the ceasefire. Jean Kennedy-Smith, the US ambassador to Dublin, and Nancy Soderberg, a director of the National Security Council, have both met senior Sinn Fein members to press the point.



A crowd of young girls gathers outside the Amstel Hotel in Amsterdam vesterday where Take That were due to embark on a canal trip

Idols bow out to beat of breaking hearts

By James Landale IN AMSTERDAM

IN THE end, Take That bowed out of the music scene exactly as they had come in surrounded by hundreds of

screaming girls.

Gary, Mark, Jason and Howard yesterday made their final appearance together when they recorded a valedictory performance to be broadtonight on Dutch television.

The Manchester teen idols broke up as one of the most successful British pop groups, with 12 Top Ten hits, including started in 1990. Take That's Only 220 were fortunate mance," said Kate Thornton, crazy but then she is quite Greatest Hits, released last month, has already sold 600,000 copies.

Tearful adolescent girls who have been following their heroes on the last leg of their European tour gathered in the Netherlands for the final goodbye.

Outside the television studio, in a quiet Amsterdam suburb, hundreds of girls gathered yesterday afternoon hoping for a glimpse of their idols. Security was tight and all nearby trees had been covered in black paint gel to

eight number ones, since they stop the girls climbing them. any other Take That perfor- said. "My sister thinks I'm enough to have tickets.

Just as the band reached the emotional climax of the evening, with a rendition of their current single, the sound system failed. When the backing track failed, Gary Barlow spontaneously began singing their current hit How Deep Is Your Love. Soon the rest of the band gathered round to join him softly, and before long fans in the studio audience were singing along too those who weren't crying. The boys then hugged each other

and left. "It was not unlike

23, editor of Smash Hits. Outside the girls continued

to scream. Anna Brown, 17, a student nurse from Surrey, said she had been following Take That since they arrived in Brussels earlier in the week. She missed them there, caught up with them at Leuven in Belgium before coming up to Amsterdam.

She said her mother had paid for her £120 plane ticket but she had also spent a further £150. "I think my dad thinks I'm a bit mad but my mum has got used to it," she

After the recording was over, three large blue buses picked up the red-eyed girls to take them back to the centre of Amsterdam. They sat in the bus listening to Take That's final radio interview during which one of the boys raised the prospect of a comeback in ten years' time. "Wouldn't it be brilliant if we could get back together again," he said.

The bus erupted and the girls found hope once more.

Bereft fans, page 3

US minister's body recovered

The bodies of the American Commerce Secretary, Ronald Brown, and 34 other victims of Wednesday's Croatian air crash have been recovered from wreckage in mountains southeast of Dubrovnik. Rescue workers took five hours to find the US T-43 plane, which had split into several pièces Page 15

Gun charge in Unabomber case

A former university teacher was arrested yesterday at his remote cabin in Montana by American police investigating the so-called Unabomber. Ted Kaczynski, 53, was later charged with illegal posses-sion of a firearm. An FBI agent testified that he found a partially completed bomb at

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Dress bill bars way for envoy Princess

By Alan Hamilton

SENIOR Foreign Office officials are blocking the Princess of Wales's ambition to become an ambassador for Britain because of an £80,000 clothes bill she presented to them after an official Gulf tour ten years ago, it is claimed today. Whitehall sources have told

The Times that the Princess has lost important allies as she seeks to assume a roving and semi-official diplomatic role. There was never any question of the Princess having full diplomatic status, but some MPs and senior civil servants have been sympathetic to the idea of giving her an informal and occasional overseas role. The Prince and Princess

undertook a 16-day tour of Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in 1986 when they were regarded as the most glamorous couple on Earth. Mindful of strict Islamic dress codes — as well as the fact that she was then the most

photographed woman in the world - the Princess spent months assembling a wardrobe from the top designers of the moment, including Catherine Walker, Jacques Azagury and Paul Costello.

Buckingham Palace said

last night that it was usual for the Foreign Office to pay a proportion of the cost of offiroyal visits abroad, although they had no knowledge of the figures involved in the Saudi tour. The Princess's spokeswoman said: "It was a long time ago, but it was a very special occasion and a

During the visit the Princess received a number of lavish gifts from her oil-rich hosts. including a diamond necklace and earrings set said at the time to be worth more than £100,000. The jewellery remains her private property.

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Alan Jackson meets kd lang, in the Magazine Easter househunter's guide, in Weekend Money

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Promise of sun for holiday

By Peter Foster



expected to rise to a more respectable 12C (54F). Road congestion had been less severe than expected, AA Roadwatch said last night. By mid-afternoon the usual blackspots northbound on the M25, M5, M6 were experienc-

ing long queues, but these had

cleared by nightfall. More than one hundred thousand people will head for the mountains of Scotland. Rail passengers faced lengthy delays caused by engineering works. The worst affected services will be those passing through Chippenham. Wiltshire, on the main InterCity line to the West Country, all



Next year it would be nice to do something different for Easter

those departing from London Bridge, and services between Manchester and Stockport. In the next seven days nearly 500,000 passengers will fly from Heathrow with the biggest rush expected at the end of next week, while Gatwick expects to handle 380,000 passengers over the Bank holiday - a 15% increase on last Easter. About 100,000 passengers will be travelling through the Channel Tunnel.

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evening onto a football pitch with

some 6ft 7in centre half trying to kick

The Dorset FA now wants them to

leave their Nursery Ground home.

Mark Willis, the secretary, said. "The

results aren't the issue. What is

important is that Poole Town FC kicks

of school and run out the same

Poole, poised to take football's lowliest prize Sixty-six players have shared in the talented, it's hard to come straight out

BY WALTER GAMMIE

POOLE Town stand on the threshold of a place in The Guinness Book of Records as the least successful club side in the history of British football.

If they are defeated by Bashley tomorrow in a Beazer Homes League Southern Division match, they will have lost their fortieth game in a row

and will displace Stockport United, a

Stockport League side, whose record has stood since 1977.

Clive Robbins, the chairman, thinks it unlikely that Poole can avoid the inglorious distinction. "We've been playing a 15-year-old and a couple of 16-year-olds," he said. "It's like a team from the YMCA playing Liverpool

each week." In 34 league defeats, Poole have scored 12 goals and conceded 145.

rattled in four goals in nine matches and returned to his former club. Robbins resents the "worst team" label. "They'li be good players — hopefully for us — but no matter how

suffering, including seven goalkeep-

ers, the latest of whom, Jamie Smith,

has taken a pounding for the past 15

matches. Their leading scorer is Lee

Webb, who joined from Salisbury,

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Ministers misjudging mood of the country, say grammar school staff

Teachers oppose further selection

EDUCATION EDITOR

THE union representing the largest number of teachers in selective schools urged the Government yesterday not to press ahead with plans to reintroduce selection throughout England. Delegates to the annual conference of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers voted overwhelmingly to oppose the establishment of more grammar schools and the introduction of partial selection within the comprehensive system. Government proposals will be set out in a White Paper in June.

Peter Smith, ATL general secretary, said ministers were misjudging the mood of the country and ignoring the impact on millions of children by backing further selection. An opinion poll commissioned by the union put

priorities for improving education and was supported by fewer than half of those questioned

Mr Smith said the Prime Minister's enthusiasm for selection was motivated by opportunism, as his advisers sought to make political capital from the controversy over the choice of schools made by Tony Blair and Harriet Harman. "Mr Major thinks his policy unit have delivered him an ace, but what the polls show is that the ace is low, not high."

A Harris poll taken last month showed that over 60 per cent of adults felt Ms Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, had made the right choice in sending her son to a grammar school. A second poll showed that 46 per cent of voters favoured selection. but almost twice as many were concerned about discipline in higher priority.
The ATL has almost 900 members

in grammar schools and 16,000 in the independent sector, making it the main voice of teachers in selective schools. Although the conference in Torquay was careful not to under-mine the position of the 160 remaining grammar schools, delegates committed the union to a campaign opposing any extension.

Martin Kamm, who teaches at John Taylor High School, in Lichfield, Staffordshire, said he had seen children underachieving in secondary modern schools and could not support a two-tier system. "They are second-rate schools as far as parents and children are concerned'.

Stephen Woodley, a teacher at the independent King's School, Canterbury, said secondary moderns could

sufficient resources and support. "I think we need in this country to be prepared to emphasise a certain degree of diversity. I would prefer the process to take place at 14, but at the moment the best option in many areas is selection at 11."

But Pam Bryan, who works at Newcastle-under-Lyme assessment centre in Staffordshire, said: "I know how it feels to fail the 11 Plus. It left me scarred, and I still have those

feelings today."
Mr Smith said the Government was trading on nostalgia for an education system that failed the majority of pupils. The apparent growth in support for selection was a "proxy" for public concern over educational standards. Grammar schools were seen as disciplined, well-focused institutions, Mr Smith

quite the reality, but in many people's minds, comprehensive schools have come to be characterised equally misleadingly as Grange Hills."

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, said the establishment of a limited number of grammar schools would not necessarily lead to the return of secondary moderns in every area. The Government wanted to extend selection in order to give parents more choice

Mr Smith said he was convinced that the comprehensive system worked. "There is an element of desperation in the Government's plans. They have pressed every button they can, but they have not convinced the electorate that they are investing enough in education."

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Clarke says economy will win by-election

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE raised the political stakes for next week's South East Staffordshire by-election yesterday by directly linking the result to confidence in the

The Chancellor of the Exchequer swaggered into Tamworth yesterday claiming that a tide of economic optimism would sweep the Conservatives to their first by-election victory for seven years.

With Jimmy James, the Conservative candidate, trailing behind Labour in the polls Mr Clarke confidently dismissed predictions that the odds were stacked heavily against his party holding the seat. "Blow the odds. Just look at the reality." Mr Clarke said.

However, it was the Chancellor's bullish remarks over the economy that attracted most attention during a fourhour visit to the ancient town. "I think Jimmy James should be the first beneficiary of the feel-good factor coming back into the Midlands now.

cede that next Thursday's byelection would come too early for voters to feel any benefit from tax cuts introduced in last November's budget. Although the tax changes, which Mr Clarke claims will make the average family £9 a week better off, come into effect this weekend, they will not percolate through to most people's pay packets until next month.

But an ebullient Chancellor was undeterred. "1996 will get better as it goes on. We are still only in April and Saturday's tax reductions are the first big



Clarke: swaggered bullishly into town

event for ordinary households

this year economically." He added: "The general election could be as far away as next May. We have a long period in which the economy can continue to revive. It is important that the economy is going to carry on growing and people get more prosperous.

Mr Clarke was hesitant. however, when put on the spot about whether the economy was improving. Lady Lightbown, widow of Sir David Lightbown, the former Tory MP whose death last December prompted the byelection, asked the Chancellor: "Do you feel the feel-good factor coming?" Mr Clarke's less than forthcoming response of "Do you?" caught Lady Lightbown offguard.

Well, I do, yes," she said. As Mr Clarke glad-handed the shoppers of the Ankerside centre, he found that voters were more cautious in their optimism about the economy. Although several shopowners said that business had picked people made clear their continuing fears about unemployment and job instability.

The Chancellor's assessment of the economy was savagely attacked by Brian Jenkins, Labour's candidate, who claimed that voters had suffered 22 tax rises over the past three years. "He has betrayed people here by promising them year-on-year tax cuts, then forcing them to foot the bill for Tory economic failure," Mr Jenkins said.

As the by-election campaign enters its final week, tensions between the two main candidates were intensifying, with Mr James accusing his Labour rival of arrogance in stepping down from his leadership of Tamworth Borough Council. Labour campaigners argued that Mr Jenkins had relinquished his leadership so that he could concentrate on the by-election and, if necessary, the general election.

Although Labour believe that support has moved steadily towards the party during the last three weeks. strategists recognise that there are rural parts of the constituency so solidly Conservative that they are unlikely to shift.

🛘 General election 1992: D.L. Lightbown (C) 29,180; B. Jenton (Lib Dem) 5,540. Majority



Great escape: travellers at Newcastle Airport yesterday as the bank holiday exodus got under way. Heathrow is expecting 500,000 passengers in the next week and Gatwick 380,000 over the weekend Easter travel, Page 1

Dunblane gym to be demolished

By BILL FROST

THE gym at Dunblane Primary School where 16 children and their teacher were shot dead last month is to be demolished next week while pupils are away for Easter. The site is to be planted with bulbs in memory of those who died when the

went on a ten-minute The Prime Minister, visiting Dunblane after the killings, said that the gym should go. However, the decision was deferred while the

gunman. Thomas Hamilton.

views of bereaved parents were sought. Gordon Jeyes. Stirling Council's director of education, last night appealed to the media to stay away while the demolition took place on

Wednesday. A council spokes said the school board and the parent-teachers association had been consulted but the views of the bereaved were the most important.

Seven members of the local community are to be selected as permanent trustees of the Dunblane Fund, stands at £708,000.

Tesco hires staff to pack bags and unload trolleys

at price war levels.

Tesco's. Sainsbury's said:

"Tesco's new appointments

must be largely part-timers. Last year we spent £30 million

improving service in our 360

stores, and that included the

appointment of the equivalent

of 2,500 full-time staff. All our

staff are already trained to

help in all the ways Tesco are

Ian Black, of Somerfield.

said: "Customer assistants sound a good idea and very

American. At our 610 stores,

customers only have to ask any member of staff for assis-

tance and whatever they want

suggesting."

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Tesco supermarket chain is to appoint 4,500 extra staff, most of whom will be part-time, to help customers with their shopping.
They will join 500 employees already in the company's

545 stores as "customer assistants", unloading trolleys, packing bags, fetching forgotten items, replacing damaged goods, answering queries and noting suggestions. More than 1,000 Tesco office staff were moved into the company's stores yesterday to help with the pre-Easter rush. Sir lan MacLaurin, the company chairman, lent a hand at the Brent Cross store in north London and board members were deployed in other stores.

Terry Leahy, the company's deputy managing director, said the scheme had been on trial in nine stores since last summer. "Customers said what a difference it made. We have decided to spend £20 million this year delivering a new standard of customer

Rival companies said that they had already taken initiatives which put their standards of service ahead of

Our new customer service Most major oil retailers have followed the superinitiatives have created over 5,000 jobs in the past year, and market chains by raising the price of petrol by 2p a there are a further 1,000 recruits to find." litre, blaming rising wholesale prices for what is

The company's new ap-pointments include 2.000 claimed to be a temporary "greeters" and more than 1.500 "runners", many of halt to the price war. Esso, which does not operate a whom use roller-skates to national pricing policy, said it would be adjusting its letch forgotten items from the shelves while the rest of the charges according to shopping goes through the changes by its competitors. Shell said it was continuing A spokesman for Safeway

said: "We have staff in our stores to help with packing bags at the end of aisles when required, and any shopper needing assistance has only to alert any member of staff who will be happy to volunteer their services

☐ Sainsbury's announced an arrangement with the Auto-mobile Association yesterday to provide a free breakdown service for customers at its

Terry Wells, customer services director, said: "Our customers will get instant and free help if they break down, and we will keep their shopping cold while the car is attended to."

Weekend shopping, page 8 Sue Finnegan, of Asda, said:

Four women named among 66 new QCs

The Inns of Court were awash with champagne yesterday after the announcement of 66 new Queen's Counsels. The new silks were appointed from 488 applications, of which 40 were women and 14 were from ethnic minorities. Of the successful applicants, four are women and one is from an

The new Queen's Counsels include Lord Meston, Liberal Democrat spokesman on legal affairs. Six honorary Queen's Counsels were also announced, including Dr David Thomas, an authority on sentencing who condemned the Government's sentencing plans this week as a "recipe for chaos". Others included Michael Blair, legal adviser with the Securities and Investments Board, who is the Bar Council treasurer.

Four accused of kidnap

Four men accused of kidnapping the Greek shipping magnate George Fraghistas and demanding a ransom of up to £5 million were remanded in custody at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London. Mr Fraghistas, 43, was rescued by police from a house in Bayswater on Tuesday. The accused are two Greeks, Konstantinos Korkolis, 39, and Thanassis Zografos, 24, and two Frenchmen, Marco Mercu, 36, and Djemel Moussauoi, 33.

Police shooting inquiry

Scotland Yard yesterday launched an internal investigation after a man brandishing a replica Uzi machine pistol was shot three times by police. Robin Smith, 32, was shot when he confronted officers from an armed response unit as they left a flat in Battersea, and as he was carried into an ambulance he shouted "It's a replica." Last night he was said to be stable and comfortable at the Chelsea and Westminster hospital.

Cervical cancer hope

Women whose cervical smear tests show mild abnormalities may be able to reverse the changes by giving up smoking, a study of 82 women by Imperial Cancer Research Fund scientists has shown. Such cervical changes can progress to cancer, though in 40 per cent of cases they return to normal without treatment. After six months, 80 per cent of the 28 who had quit or cut their smoking showed a reduction in the size of the abnormal area.

Coroner admonished

The Lord Chancellor has formally admonished Peter Brunton, Coroner for Ceredigion, Dyfed. Mr Brunton. a solicitor, opened the inquest into the death in 1989 of Jeremy Turner, a climbing instructor with a company called Celmi Experience. The company was also a client of Mr Brunton, but he did not transfer the case to another coroner until more than a month later. Mr Brunton attended the second inquest as the company representative.

Council for Edinburgh

Seven hundred years after the election of Edinburgh's first Provost, a new city council was inaugurated yesterday—the first time Scotland's capital has had a single body to represent it for 20 years. The new Lord Provost, Eric Milligan, of the Labour Party, was formerly convenor of Lothian Regional Council, which, with Edinburgh District Council, ceased to exist on April 1 under the reorganisation

High-speed ferry delay



The world's biggest high-speed ferry, due to enter service last month across the Irish Sea between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire, will not carry passengers until after the Easter holiday. Stena Line said yesterday. The delayed start for the £65 million catamaran, above, designed to carry 1,500 passengers and 375 cars at 40 knots, has been caused by work on an emergency escape chule. A safety certificate is expected to be issued in the next few days.

'Professional' jurors

Six convicted men have been told they may appeal against their convictions after an inquiry by the Court Service found that the jurors trying their eases were relatives or friends of court staff. The inquiry into the use of "professional" jurors at Stoke-on-Trent found that on five occasions a total of seven jurors, including relatives or. friends of members of court staff, were summoned by the use of incorrect procedures.

Free holiday money

Thomas Cook will be offering £100 spending money to families who book a holiday through its travel agency chain this weekend. The company said it wanted to avoid giving a straight discount by offering a more creative way to attract customers. The conditions are that two adults book a holiday lasting more than five days. The money, which can be in any currency. will be handed over once the holiday is





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Supervirus 'could destroy humanity'

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE human race is more change at any time." he said. vulnerable to a catastrophic outbreak of infectious disease than most people realise, the Edinburgh Science Festival was told last night.

Dr Cedric Mims, recently Professor of Microbiology at Guy's Hospital Medical School in London, said it was only a matter of time before one of the thousands of viruses in the air mutated into asupervirus, capable of killing millions. despite modern

drugs, Such a catastrophe could be caused by something as simple as a virus changing the way it is transmitted. The HIV and rabies viruses are currently transmitted by saliva and hody fluids, but could

"Viruses are changing their methods of transmission and we don't know why."

If HIV did mutate into a form where it could be passed on in the air, he estimated that an outbreak could spread through the entire country within one or two weeks. "We need a much greater under-standing of what sort of mutations would produce a microbe of this sort, capable of spreading fast and killing or incapacitating more than half

the world's population."

He said that the problem tended to be ignored. "Most research is involved with finding vaccines or cures. I would like to see a bit more research on transmission of viruses."

Cash for jails should be spent on crime fighting, says police chief

HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CHIEF constable attacked the huge cost of Michael Howard's sentencing proposals yesterday, declaring that the money should be spent on putting more police on the beat and on crime prevention. Tony Leonard. Chief Constable of Humberside, broke ranks with other senior officers and publicly condemned

the plans as the Home Secretary visited his force. It had been revealed that 25 jails would need to be built during the next 15 years to meet the rise in the prison population. They will be built and managed by the private sector at an estimated cost of

Leonard joined penal reform groups in criticising the huge cost of implementing the proposed new sentences which will add a minimum 10,800 to the jail population by the year 2013. He said that the cash the Government was preparing to pour into building jails would be better spent on extra policing on the streets.

Mr Leonard, who was

showing the Home Secretary the force's modified high-performance cars, said: "It is going to cost an awful lot of money in terms of building new prisons. I would rather see that money ploughed into policing and preventing

crime-The chief constable also said £6 billion, paid back by the that mandatory minimum

sentences for repeat violent and sexual offenders and people convicted of three or more domestic burglaries were wrong: "I agree with the Lord Chief Justice in that I don't think Parliament should set minimum sentences. The law should set maximum sentences and should trust the judiciary to implement sensile arrangements as to the length of the sentence," he said.

Mr Leonard, 57, a sociology graduate from the London chool of Economics, has been chief constable of Humberside since 1992

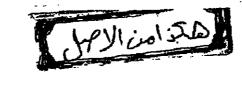
The Government's plans have won the support of the Police Federation, representing rank and file officers, and

the Police Superintendent's

Association although the Association of Chief Police Officers, representing senior officers, is unwilling to become involved in the argument. Richard Tilt, the new

£70,000 a year director-general of the prison service, disclosed yesterday that 25 new jails will be needed during the next 10 - 15 years to cope with the rising prison population.

He said: "We shall have an argument about precisely how # much money we need but the White Paper commits the Government to providing additional resources and I am confident that is a firm commitment." The service could not manage the rise in the jail population without additional cash, he added,



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However, he lasted four days until further checks on his passport apparently revealed that he was on a student's visa from Nigeria which was due to expire on December 31, 1996. The visa barred him from taking up any form of employment

THE NAVY has been forced to

dismiss one of its most prized

new recuits after allegations

that he is not meant to have a

job in Britain. Yusuf Adamu

Gambo, 29, who has a masters

degree in computer science,

may now be deported to

Nigeria for trying to serve in

Mr Gambo, who has lived

in Britain more than a decade,

was so well-qualified when he

applied to become an operator

mechanic, he was taken on as

a potential star newcomer at a

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Mr Gambo was summarily

discharged, and the Navy's special investigations branch was called in. The Home Office was also informed, and he has been served with a

Catch 22 for sailor from overseas

Navy's top recruit

faces deportation

after joining up

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

notice of intention to deport him. A spokeswoman for the Home Office said he had a right of appeal and had not been detained pending completion of his case. The Royal Navy explained that citizens from Commonwealth countries were eligible

to join the Navy provided they had been resident in Britain for more than five years. Mr Gambo, a spokeswoman said, was on a student's visa and should never have been allowed to join the Navy. The investigations branch were inquiring how recruiting staff failed to spot the visa conditions. A Navy official admitted

that Mr Gambo was more than qualified, with a BSc in computer science from Essex University and a masters from Bristol University.

He came to Britain in 1985 after leaving Nigeria University. In 1988 he went to Strathclyde University for a one-year computer course. In 1991 he was accepted by Essex, who confirmed he had obtained his BSc, then went to

Bristol for his master's awarded in February this

An official from his department insisted that Mr Gambo was a British citizen, and his tuition charges were based on home fees, not foreign student fees: "Mr Gambo definitely had resident status. We can supply the information to the Navy if they like to get in touch with us.'

A spokeswoman for the welfare section at the Nigerian Embassy in London said she was unaware of his case and had not seen his papers. During his four days at

HMS Raleigh, Mr Gambo experienced the usual routines applied to new entrants. On the first day, he signed on, on the next he was issued with his uniform and other kit, the next involved medical check-ups and a fitness test, and on the fourth - his last 24 hours in the Navy - he was sent on an assault course. He missed Friday's parade

then the special investigations branch had been alerted. A spokeswoman at HMS Raleigh admitted it was extremely unusual for someone to be discharged after only

four days.

ground bashing because by



Stephen Divers with a photograph of Charles and Debbie and their mother, Regina Bough. They disappeared seven weeks ago while he was out shopping

Father begs for news of his missing family

A TEARFUL father appealed for help yesterday to trace his two young children who vanished seven weeks ago with their mother while he was out

Stephen Divers, 33, pleaded for the safe return of Charles, 5, and Debbie, 3, after a High Court judge granted an order allowing him to publicise the case. The children's mother, Regina Bough, 24, took the children, their birth certificates, passports and clothes from the family home in southeast London on Febru-

Mr Divers, who had given up work as a hospital porter to care for the children because Ms Bough, an agency nurse, could earn more than him. said yesterday that there had been no arguments between them and he was at a loss to explain why she had left.

Ms Bough is known to have family in Ireland, but inquiries by police and Mr Divers's lawyers suggest that she is still in Britain. A friend has claimed that she took Ms Bough and the children to Gatwick but there is no record of the family on any passenger Mr Divers told a news

conference in central London yesterday: "I got home from shopping and when I walked in the house I knew something was wrong. It was terribly empty and quiet.

"I had an awful cold feeling. Their passports and birth

suitcases had gone with their

"I have no idea why Regina would have done this. It was just an ordinary day, she made me two cups of coffee before I went out. It's just come out of the blue.

"She's never really looked after the children because she was working so much. When they hurt themselves they would always come crying to me for a cuddle.

"They've missed a whole term of school. She doesn't know the routine with the kids. I have always been there

"The poor little things must be wondering what the hell's going on. I would go to the Moon for my kids. I just want them back.'

He missed Charles's fifth birthday on Saturday. "Words can't describe how that felt. My whole life has been devastated."

Last month the courts granted a "seek and find" order that the children should be returned to their father. Yesterday Judge Aglionby granted Mr Divers a rarely used publicity order in the hope that they could be found. His solictor, Debbie Lawton, said: through all available channels to find out where they are."

Anyone with information about the children or their mother should contact Brockley police station on 0181-694 8777 or Mrs Lawton

Lobbyists hope to pluck profit from flower pilferers

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

A CAMPAIGN to save the countryside from gardeners and cowboy operators pillering wildflowers, peat and shrubs will be latinched thisweekend: Environmentalists, who claim rare animals: plants and arkient limestone are being devastated by a clandestine trade supplying ers, will lobby customers at garden centres nationwide.

Groups including the botanical charity Plantlife, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Friends of the Earth say the rising interest in gardening has produced a multimillion-pound business. The trade in stolen

wildflower bulbs alone is worth more than £1 million a year. Diggers go into woodlands, at night to rip up bluebells and snowdrops so that gardeners can plant a bit of the countryside in their back gardens.

Ancient limestone pave ments are being hacked to pieces so they can be sold at over £100 a tonne to decorate rockeries. Department of the Environment figures indicate that 25 million cubic metres are ripped from peat moors

every year and bagged up for gardener. Wild bluebells may be offered protection when the Wildlife and Countryside Act is reviewed. There are plans to make digging and selling bluebell bulbs illegal, even for landowners.

Such protection is not available for snowdrops or the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales. Snowdrops, orginally an alien species, have spread throughout Brotain and are considered a naturalised

The pavement is protected under European law but Britain's old planning permissions take priority, unless conservation bodies or local authorities buy the permissions and pay landowners compensation.

Peter Spencer, assistant conservation officer with English Nature, the Government's wildlife adviser, told New Scientist: "We've had a number of cases in Norfolk over the past few years where bluebells and snowdrops have been dug illegally from wild sites. Last December two men were fined £250 for digging up over 25,000 snowdrop bulbs."

Asian men win £29,000 for office 'apartheid'

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO Asian workers who were segregated from white staff at Lloyds Register of Shipping because of their col-our were each awarded an interim payment of over £29,000 yesterday after the company was found guilty of

Baldev Sahota, 52, and Latif earning £33,000 a year, were kept apart from the rest of their department and given little work for six months before they were sacked, the tribunal was told.

Mr Sahota said: "I was made to sit in a corner of the office and not given any work. They made it clear they did not

The tribunal upheld the men's claims for racial discrimination and unfair dismissal against the City of London company at an earlier hearing in January. David Booth, the chairman, set a provisional figure for compensation of £29,029 each.

After the hearing, Mr Khan said that he was bitter at his treatment. "It was a form of apartheid the likes of which in this civilised country you can never imagine."



. Wanted: fresh faces to take the place of Take That

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE demise of Take That, who performed for the last tune in a television studio in Amsterdam last night, means thousands of teenage girls are searching for a new group to adore. Many will follow the solo career of Take That's singer/songwriter Gary Barlow, others have already switched their attention to Oasis and Blar, the

champions of Britpop. Down, the two all-boy bands that are most similar to Take That, will hope to inherit some of their support. Boyzone, a five-boy line-up from Ireland, is currently on a sell-out British tour. Upside from London who answered magazine advertisements for a place in the band. Both groups are considered by some critics to be pale imitations of Take That.

Marina Gask assistant editor of Sugar magazine, a monthly which is aimed at girls aged between 13 and 17, said Oasis and Blur were faintly embarrassed by their new legion of teenage fans. "I think they hate being seen as the new teeny bands, but they are adored by 13-year-old she said. There is no doubt the vast majority of

for posters of Oasis and The new sensation of 1996 will be an 18-year-old singer from Manchester called Kavana, who releases his first single later this month, Ms Gask predicted. "He is very cute and has a personality as well," she said.

If Kavana proves a success then the spirit of Take That will be living on: the co-writer of his song is Howard Donald, of Take That. Caitlin Moran, pop crinc

for The Times, said the single artist was becoming more popular after the all-boy groups' domination of the 1980s. "In the all-boy groups you had the cute one the key one, the rough one and the talented one. Now people



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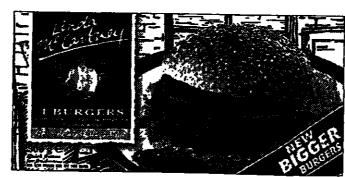
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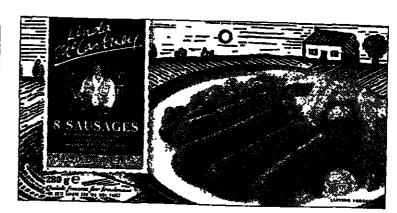
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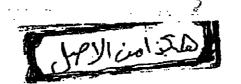
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Serjeant at Arms pompous and out of date, say MPs

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Serjeant at Arms, who presides over the House of Commons dressed in black silk stockings, silver buckled shoes, sword and black frock coat, could soon be forced out of a job by the MPs he serves. They have decided he is antiquated and want a modern chief executive.

According to a management consultants' report, many backbenichers are irritated by the "pompous" men who are allowed to exercise supreme power over the ceremonies, administration and good order of the Palace of Westminster. They can authorise cars to be towed away, escort MPs from the chamber when they are unruly and control who enters the Commons.

The "sergeant major" role dates back to Richard II and included protecting MPs from the king's soldiers. The serjeant was allowed to throw MPs into the dungeons and fine them for improper behaviour. He also had powers to jail persistent offenders in the Clock Tower.

More recently, the position has been occupied by retired military men who run the House with precision. The sight of the Serjeant at Arms in full regalia is adored by tourists. But yesterday MPs made it clear that the role. which is currently filled by Peter Jennings, should be confined to ceremonial duties.

The survey, carried out for the Serjeant at Arms office, was full of criticism by MPs. One accused them of "ignoring visitors, unapproachabilinear rudeness and patronising attitudes".

George Foulkes, a Labour MP, said: "The whole thing needs a shake-up. We need a



Serjeants date back to King Richard II

proper administrative department instead of people in swords, retired brigadiers. running it. It's an old boys' network. No other parliament in any other country does it

this way."
David Shaw, a Tory back-bencher, said: "We need a coordinating chief executive to be brought in, someone who is forward thinking, to promote Parliament and make it more efficient. The Serjeant at Arms office is staffed by people who have had a military career who are obviously suitable to parade around and stand up straight and carry out ceremo-

Another MP wrote: "You are not here to be custodians of the building and the traditions of hundreds of years. You are here as a service organisation and your responsibility is to see that Members of Parliament and their staff can carry out their jobs."

A Labour MP said: "I've had cause for complaint.



Queen Elizabeth I opening a session of Parliament in the original Palace of Westminster

Visitors attack plan to charge for guided tour

VISITORS to the Palace of Westminster yesterday were horrified to hear that MPs want to start charging them £5 for the privilege of seeing round the Mother of Parliaments.

MPs, who are allowed 16 free tickets a day for their constituents; say that the present informal system of ours, which has evolved over the past century, is unworkable and is being abused.

increasingly they have started to palm their guiding responsibilities off on Partiament's door-keepers, amateur historians and retired colonels, who take about 3,000 people around a year.

In return, the stand-in guides charge about £20. occasionally paid for by the MP but more often by the constituent. The guides can earn about £200 a week on top of their basic wages. One MP said: "There is basically a black economy existing inside Parliament."

A confidential survey of MPs views, carried out by management consultants Janet Levin Associates for the Serjeant-at-Arms Department, found that MPs now want a centralised booking. system and tours staggered so they do not have to make their way through hundreds of tourists to get to their desks. They also want the door attendants to be offici-

ally responsible for tours. But their electorate are appalled. John Porter, a supermarket manager from Weston-super-Mare, said: This is just another example of grasning, greedy politi-tians. Will they never get enough? We already subsi-dise their buildings and their caleterias through our taxes. get free travel and

secretaries. I don't see why we should pay again to look around.

Marens Liewellyn, a politics student from Wales, said: "If MPs were doing their jobs properly they would have time to show constitu-ents around." His French girlfriend, Sabina Herbau. said: "Everything is so expensive here now. You all want to make money from every-thing, your churches, your palaces, your Parlian Soon you will charge us to

walk through your parks."
Some MPs were also dismayed. They pointed out that it would be difficult to charge when guides do not offer a professional service. At present there are no wheelchair facilities, braille signs or interpreters.

George Foulkes, Labour MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, said: "£5 would stop many school groups and students who really need to see how the democratic system works."

Ann Winterton, Tory MP for Congleton, said: "It's part of the traditional role of MPs not only to represent their constituents but arrange for them to look around the Palace of Westminster." The new breed of amateur

guides have become adept at taking tours round the dustygreen baine corridors, pointing out where Pitt the Younger used to throw up before speeches, where Dennis Skinner, the "Beast of Bolsover", sits and where the ermined gentlemen of the

Upper House preside. Visitors are shown documents of state and where the Queen dons her crown. They are given a potted history of the great fires and regaled with tales of the Blitz

They have the attitude, What's this nerd approaching However, other MPs were

appalled by their colleagues' criticisms. Michael Martin, Labour MP for Glasgow Springburn, who is chairman of the Commons Administration Committee, said: "Some whiz-kid walking in here and trying to cut a dash and make it all modern would probably come an absolute cropper." A backbench MP warned:

"If they get rid of the Serjeant it will be the first step on the way to transforming Parliament into something resembling a building society."

Mr Jennings, in a letter to MPs, said: "I want to assure

you that I am determined my department will provide the best possible service. The information gained from the survey will also be used in the future planning and development of the services provided by my department and act as a benchmark for systematic monitoring in future years.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Smith bearing the City of Cardiff sword at an official ceremony

Mayor's sword bearer gets his marching orders

By A STAFF REPORTER

A LABOUR council leader banned a Royal Marines officer from a civic ceremony because his uniform was felt to be "too militaristic".

Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Smith has acted as official sword-bearer for the Lord Mayor of Cardiff for 23 years, leading the procession into the council chamber for the swearing in of the Lord

However Russell Goodway. the council leader, banned him after watching him in a dress rehearsal just minutes before the official mayor-making ceremony in the city hall. Colonel Smith, 53, a reserve

officer, said yesterday: "It was quite embarrassing but also rather sad. I had already run through my paces with the Lord Mayor's secretary and was waiting in the parlour to take part in the ceremony. "But one official told me he

was rather embarrassed because the council leader decided he didn't want a military uniform in the chamber. I was very surprised because I've taken part in these ceremonies since 1973. 1 thought there would be a place for the military the same as other sections of society."

Colonel Smith, a travel consultant, had donned his formal dress uniform - blue tunic and trousers with white Royal Marines hat - for the

ceremony at which John Phillips, a veteran Labour councillor, was appointed Lord Мауот.

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The City of Cardiff sword which is carried at official functions, was made by British Steel to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

Colonel Smith said: "Half an hour after going through our paces I was told I wasn't wanted. It was something of a surprise and I was quite disappointed. These sort of ceremonies are all about uniforms and regalia.

The mayor was in his official robes as were his mace bearers. After I was excluded, I had a telephone call from the lord mayor to apologise. He said he had no idea I was being left out.

"It has been a long tradition and it's a shame that the Labour leader says there is no place for a Service uniform. A city like Cardiff should be proud of its military links." Mr Goodway, 38, became

Labour leader of the new Cardiff County Council after it was formed by the merger of the former city and county authorities

He said in a statement: "We have kept the best traditions of the city such as the office of lord mayor but we felt we needed a ceremony which reflected a modern city."

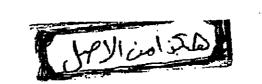


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Furious parents reject coroner's summing-up as one-sided and consider negligence case

Boy taken to four hospitals died of natural causes

A TODDLER who died after being taken to four hospitals in one day was the victim of a naturally occurring illness, an inquest jury decided yester-day. The coroner said that the hospital transfers had been an "unfortunate mix-up" but there was no evidence that they had played a part in the death of 23-month-old Robert

Dr Richard Whittington, the Birmingham Coroner, who directed the jury to return the verdict of death by natural causes, said: "It would be naive to think that every death on the operating table is an accident or misadventure." Members of Robert's family

shouted "Farce" at the jury after the verdict. Robert's parents, Julie Benton, 23, and her husband, Timothy Dawes, 32, rejected the findings and are considering pursuing an action for alleged negligence against the four trusts. Miss Benton, 23, said:

'Natural causes' makes it sound like Robert didn't stand a chance, but we feel he stood quite a good chance of survival. He didn't get the right or best treatment." Robert, from



Robert Benton died of a double hing collapse after an operation by chest surgeon Joseph Khalil-Marzouk

Rowley Regis, West Midlands. died of a double lung collapse Birmingham Heartlands Hos-

pital on June 7. He was first taken by his parents to Sandwell hospital in West Bromwich after he developed breathing difficulties but they left after ten minutes, describ ing the emergency department as chaotic.

At the Good Hope hospital in Sutton Coldfield he was given a chest X-ray and was transferred to the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. When he arrived there was no bed available. The four hospitals issued a statement after the case saying: "New procedures have been put in hand and now staff requesting a transfer are directed to contact a receiving hospital them-selves to check that facilities are available before a transfer

At the time of Robert's death doctors said he had died as a result of a birth defect that led to the collapse of his windpipe. However, Dr David Rushton, a pathologist, told the inquest that he had found no evidence of such a condition. The postmortem showed Robert had died as a result of a double lung collapse caused by an acute bronchial infection.

The pressure of artificial



Robert's parents, Timothy Dawes and Julie Benton, yesterday: "He didn't get the right or best treatment"

ventilation during surgery had probably torn Robert's diseased lungs and led to his death. The coroner commented: "I don't think we will ever be sure, but the underlying cause of death was a naturally occurring infection."

He said that the decision by Joseph Khalil-Marzouk, a chest surgeon at Heartlands. not to insert chest drains into Robert was an independent decision for a clinician. It was not clear whether it would have saved his life: "Doctors

have to consider the balance of the consequences of their decisions. Sometimes these decisions have to be made at great speed, at times of great stress. operating under considerable difficulties. It is always possible that the insertion of a needle drain to remove gases from the chest could have caused damage to the lungs. "We should not be pillory-

ing surgeons for the actions Outside the court Miss Benthey have taken in good faith as a result of their training ton, who is expecting a second and experience. Mr Marzouk

and his colleagues were faced feel that the coroner's sumwith an almost unique situaming-up was very one-sided. tion, a situation which was decision left for them to make. slipping away before their eyes. We must remember the Robert had a chest infection. essentials: the essentials were but that was not life-threatenthat they were trying to save the life of a very sick child. ing. I feel he should still be here with us today." Her solicitor. Stephanie Robert was suffering from an

infection of the lungs, a natu-Forman, said the verdict would not deter the family ral condition. I believe that from pursuing a case for alleged negligence. "In addition we are going to instigate some form of inquiry into the

'Hopeless' patient overheard prognosis

SCIENCE EDITOR

A MAN who suffered a stroke has described how he heard doctors writing him off as a hopeless case as he lay in se

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hospital, unable to respond.
"I wonder how many patients have given up the ghost having heard how unwell they are during one of these dia-logues," G. F. Grant, of Bedfordshire, writes in this week's British Medical Journal. He has made a partial recovery. with some movement in his left hand, and has written his account on a computer. His memory, he says, has improved "as I can no longer

write little notes to myself Mr Grant says of the stroke: "It felt like a constant battle to regain my balance. There was also a constant babble of voices speaking in different languages.

It left him, he says, with his mind undamaged, but able to move only his eyelids. Three weeks later, he made his first voluntary movement, squeezing his wife's hand. The consultant dismissed the gesture as involuntary. "In one fell swoop he had removed all our fragile hopes."

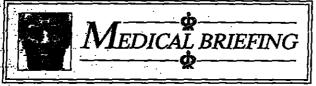
Mr Grant praises the thera pists who have helped him to speak and move again. "I shudder to think of those patients who have been thrown on the scrap-heap because they do not have the determination and family to fight for treatment provided by the scarny resources of the NHS."

Psychiatrists wake up to the healing power of hypnotism

psychiatry in the 18th century by a German physician, Franz Mesmer — hence the term to mesmerise - but became fashionable only 100 years later.

Hypnosis is still practised by some psychiatrists. One of its greatest advocates was the late Spencer Patterson, who, when I was working for him the day, but the sleep of all the more imaginative the patient as a houseman, used it to help other patients was ruined as the more likely they may be patients with terrifying war he now suffered the torments technique, known as "uncovering therapy, helped pa-tients to remember and relive appalling events in their subconscious and, in theory, to come to terms with them.

Most did improve but dredging the subconscious wasn't always successful. One ex-serviceman who had spent days in an open boat after his ship was torpedoed suffered from such frequent and severe panic attacks that employment was impossible. After hypnosis the former sailor was much more settled during



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

the day, but the sleep of all the more imaginative the patient recurrent noisy nightmares in which he was back in the boat.

In general, hypnosis in medicine is used to increase a patient's response to suggestion and hence is useful in treating insomnia or addictions such as cigarette smoking, or uncovering the subconscious. However, the subconscious may sometimes confuse fantasy with reality, and hence the false memory syndrome which has caused

so much trouble recently. Not everyone is easy to hypnotise. It is said that the

good subjects. Thomas Craft, Charter Nightingale Hospital in London, finds that hypnosis helps patients who have a wide variety of phobias, from claustrophobia to a fear of flying, to those who have anxieties. It is also valuable in treating people who have in-tractable pain.

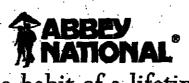
Dr Craft said: "Hypnosis is useful in selected cases. 1 am, however, careful not to use it with psychotic patients. It seems that hypnosis sometimes enhances paranoia and all too often I can become part of the delusion."

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Dead boy's organs

hoped to become a doctor. Philip Traher, 13, was struck by a car outside his parents hotel in Harrogate, North Yorkshire on Monday. His heart, liver, kidneys,

nancreas, bowel and eyes are going to patients across Britain after David and Anthea Traher agreed to turn off his life-support machine on Wednesday.

Whisky ashore

£500,000 of whisky that was washed overboard from a ship last October off Drigg Point, Cumbria, has broken open. Bottles of scotch are being sold for £5 in Fleetwood.

Hope for eagles The only pair of breeding

golden eagles in England had two eggs yesterday in their eyrie near Haweswater. Cumbria The birds, a pair for 14 years, are being guarded by RSPB wardens.

Damages award

Thomas Shuker was awarded £4,000 damages by Liverpool County Court for physical and psychological injuries caused by "excessive force" in police use of thumb locks for restraint.

Bardic enterprise Lawrence Shoen, who runs the Klingon Language Insti-tute, in Philadelphia, has

translated Hamlet into "Klingon", the language spo-ken by Captain Kirk's foes in Star Trek.

'We emphasise we do not have direct evidence of such a link and other explanations are possible'

Scientists explain why they linked CJD to 'mad cow' disease

causes "mad cow" disease is "perhaps the most plausible explanation" of the ten cases of the human brain disease CJD which sparked the beef crisis. who identified the ten cases, further cases are likely if there

is such a link. Or Robert Will of the National CJD Surveillance Unit at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and colleagues. reporting in The Lancet, provide the first full explanation of why they concluded that BSE was the likeliest cause of the ten cases. Not only was the course of the disease longer and the victims younger than usual in CJD, but the changes to the brain were "so consistent that neuropathological samples are virtually indistinguishable.

For nine of the ten cases,

detailed histories enabled other risk factors to be eliminated. None had been treated with human growth hormone. a known source of CJD, and none had had a blood transfusion. None had worked on farms with livestock, although one had taken an annual holiday on a farm with a dairy

herd with no record of BSE.

One had worked as a butcher.

while another had visited an abbatoir for two days.

They all shared a highly unusual pathology with large "plaques" of the abnormal prion protein, which is believed to cause the disease, appearing in their brains. Eight of the victims - four males and six females - had died at ages ranging from 19 to 41. Two patients, aged 18 and 31, remained alive. Among the

relatively few cases among

14 - brain plaques are described in only one.

The paper says that while the new cases could not be regarded as proof that BSE had been transmitted to humans, "the observation of a potentially new form of CJD in the UK is consistent with such a link". The scientists acknowledge that they do not know why the new strain has been found only in people under 45.

They conclude: "We believe that our observation of a previously unrecognised variant of CJD occurring, to date, only in persons under the age of 45 years is a cause for great concern. That it is due to exposure to the BSE agent is perhaps the most plausible interpretation of our findings. However, we emphasise that we do not have direct evidence of such a link and other



One man's meat: Dave Hodgson, a butcher in Jarrow, leaves little doubt about his faith in home-grown beef

explanations are possible." In a commentary in the same issue of The Lancet, Dr John Collinge of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and Dr Martin Rossor of the National Hospital for Neurology and

Neurosurgery warn that overconcentration on beef may be a mistake. "Sheep, pigs, and chickens have also been exposed to BSE and scrapiecontaminated feed," they say. "While there is no evidence of natural transmission of BSE to these species, it would be prudent to remain open-mind-

ed about dietary exposure." A similar point has been made by Dr Paul Brown of the US National Institutes of Health, an expert on CJD. "I still doubt these human cases are coming from cattle," he told New Scientist. "It could be there is no epidemic and you have to file the cases as unusual and unexplained."

Bid to turn cattle into electricity

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BY NICK NUTTALL

A POWER company that torns chicken manure into electricity offered yesterday to do the same with the meat and bonemeal from BSEinfected cattle.

tions in Suffolk and Lincolnshire and is building another in Norfolk. When the third is complete, the firm will be able to produce electricity for about 60,000 homes.

The rendered wastes from cattle, however, would have far more energy per tonne than chicken manure. The Government studied such a scheme in 1991, but it was dropped parily because of fears that not enough cattle waste was available. With up to 15,000 BSE-infected cattle facing slaughter every week, a steady supply now seems more assured.

Ruper Fraser, managing director of Fibrowatt, said vesterday that he was keen to liscuss a rescue plan with the Ministry of Agriculture and the meat industry.

young people outside the UK Germans rule out early end to ban on British beef

By Peter Bild in Bonn and Michael Hornsby

BRITAIN'S hopes of getting the European Union ban on beef exports lifted within a few weeks were dealt a blow by the German Agriculture Minister yesterday. "Nobody seriously thinks the ban could actually be lifted in six weeks," Jochen Borchert told a radio interviewer.

The worldwide ban imposed last month was recommended by the EU's standing Veterinary Committee on March 20 after Germany had already declared its own ban on British beef products. The EU ban is due to be reexamined on May 8.

With no sign of the crisis abating, the French agriculture ministry announced yesterday that it would withdraw from sale offal from cattle born before July 31, 1991:

Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ure Minister, confirmed yesterday that he was looking at ways of eliminating animals most likely to be incubating new cases of BSE. British farmers reacted furiously to the demand by EU states for a widespread cull as the price

for lifting the ban. Anthony Gibson, southwest regional director of the National Farmers' Union said: "If the Ministry of Agriculture duced. BSE is not contagious. were to try to do that, they would find their way literally barred. Farmers have been ringing us and saying, If they try to shoot my cows, they will have to shoot me first."

John Major tried last night to shore up the position of his beleaguered Agriculture Minabout his future.

Interviewed on Radio 4's The World at One, Mr Hogg failed to deny unequivocally claims that he had offered his resignation in the wake of the "mad cow" scare. The Prime Minister's senior officials then disclosed that Mr Major had invited Mr Hogg to Downing Street on Wednesday night for a "chat and a pat on the back" after his rumbustious Commons performance earlier in

Under the Luxembourg deal struck earlier this week. Mr Hogg is required to come up with proposals for a selective cull by April 30. Among the possible options is the slaughter all herds which have ever had a case of BSE. The French adopted this approach in the zen or so French herds that have had BSE. It is brutally effective but would wipe out millions of healthy animals.

Slaughtering all herds with more than a certain number of BSE cases would be a more targeted and less costly variant but it would still involve wasteful killing. There is no guarantee that incidence of BSE would be greatly re-

Slaughtering groups of susceptible animals rather than whole herds has support from farmers. Clusters of BSE cases tend to be found in groups of animals of same age which were reared together and fed same rations.

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Prices rise again as sales recover

WEEKEND SHOPPING

SUPERMARKETS were preparing for increased sales of British beef yesterday, claiming that confidence was returning to the market.

Asda, which has been selling beef with about a third off normal prices throughout the BSE scare, said: "Our butchers have been up all night preparing for the Easter rush. That is a signal that things are

returning to normal." Sainsburys, which returned to pre-scare prices last Tuesday after four days selling all fresh beef at half price, said its sales had now reverted to 80 per cent of normal trading. Easter has become one of the supermarkets busiest

weekends, but while most shops now open on Good Friday all large stores in England and Wates will be closed on Easter Sunday in conformity with the Sunday Trading Act 1994.

Promotions include: Asda: fresh beef topside/ silverside with basting fat £4.17 a kg, fresh chicken Kievs

E1.59 for 284g.

Budgens: breaded plaice fillets £1.99 for 320g, baby new potatoes 95p for 680g, size 4 fresh eggs £1.66 for 24. Co-op: fresh duckling £4.79 for 1.8kg. frozen New Zealand lamb steaks £1.59 for 280g. broccoli spears £1.49 for 907g. Harrods: new season Indian mangoes £12 a kg. French white eggs El.30 for six.

Iccland: North Atlantic

prawns £3.49 for 400g, part-

boned chicken breasts £5.99 for 2.3kg, whole green beans 99p for 907g. Marks & Spencer: New Zea-

land lamb leg knuckle £4.99 a kg. lemon sole goujons £2.99 for 295g, frozen haddock in breadcrumbs £3.99 for 600g, fruit salad £1.99 for 600g. Morrison: Mowbray family pork pie 85p. Couldron vege-

tarian sausages 89p for five. McCain salmon fishcakes 95p for eight, oysters 29p each.
Safeway: smoked Scottish
salmon £5.99 for £50g, British ham on bone 89p a 4 lb, white seedless grapes 65p a lb, pure orange juice £1.39 for 2L. Sainsbury's: unsmoked gam-mon joint £4.29 a kg, packed whole salmon £4.79 a kg, New Zealand lamb half leg £2.99 a

Zealand lamb half leg £2.99 a kg, cucumbers 39p each.

Somerfield: select lamb chops £8.65 a kg, fresh chicken drumsticks £2.69 for 1.2kg, mixed peppers £1.19 a pack, baking potatoes £1.98 for 2.5kg, Golden Delicious apples 99p for 12.

Tesco: fresh whole standard turkey £2.18 a kg, haddock

turkey £2.18 a kg, haddock fillet £1.98 a lb, whole salmon £1.97 a lb, black seedless grapes 89p a lb, Golden Delicious apples 49p a lb. Waitrose: Scotch roasting

beef topside/silverside £2.49 a lb, Aberdeen Angus rib £2.69 a lb. Scottish smoked salmon £3.99 for 180g. Sweet Treasure honeydew melon £1.39 each, vine tomatoes 99p for seven.

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Catholic women demand part in footwashing ritual

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN protesters sang hymns and washed each others' feet outside the doors of a Roman Catholic cathedral yesterday after being told that they would be excluded from its Maundy Thursday footwashing ceremony on the orders of the Vatican.

The Catholic Women's Network singled out Cardiff after the Archbishop, the Most Rev John Aloysius Ward, sent a letter to the diocese's 120 priests forbidding them to wash the feet of women in church. The diocese had sought guidance from Rome after a lay person complained that a priest unofficially included women last year.

Worshippers arriving for Mass at the cathedral yesterday were met with a large banner proclaiming: Wash women's feet too".

As the Archbishop conducted his service inside, almost 40 women held their own ritual on the pavement, producing a

wooden chair, a bowl and a ug of water. They handed out leaflets and tried to argue their case with local clergy attending the Archbishop's service. Several priests avoided the demonstration by using a side entrance, but others signalled their support for the women.

One protester, Dr Elizabeth Stewart, a lecturer in theology at Glamorgan University, said: "What kind of message is it giving women when they are banned from footwashing as a symbol of discipleship? It is turning it into a symbol of male power."
Sheila McBride, of South

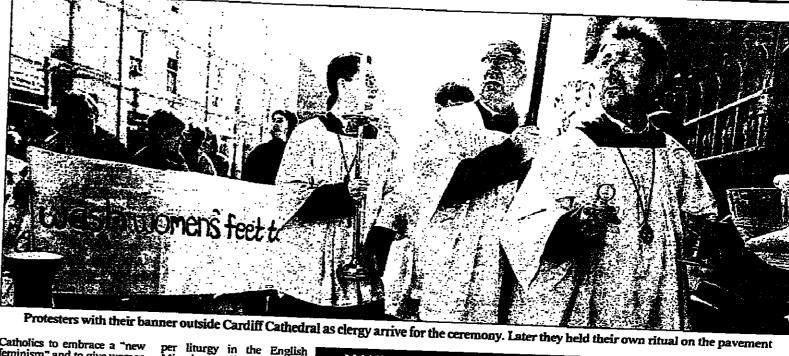
Shields, who travelled to Wales for the pavement service, said most Catholic dioceses were more enlightened and included women in the footwashing ceremony: Just because the 12 Apostles were men it should not mean the exclusion of women in this day

Ann Farr, of Coventry,

spokeswoman for the Net-"To exclude work, said: turns the whole Maundy Thursday tradition into a symbol of exclusion and

One protester. Sister Myra Poole, a member of the Notre Dame de Namure religious order and a convert from Anglicanism, said: "This is symptomatic of the Catholic Church's dislike of women. They say one thing and do

Father John Lloyd denied that the footwashing service inside the cathedral later in the day would ignore the role women. The diocese is simply following Vatican instructions," he said. While the Archbishop remained adamant that the Vatican injunction must be obeyed, some priests in Cardiff and else-where defied the ruling and washed the feet of women at services last night.



Catholics to embrace a "new feminism" and to give women a more influential role in the church. Sister Myra said: They say women are equal, but this is nonsense. The Church needs to be exposed for its double standards, We have got to break down this male structure. So many

women are imprisoned by it."
The New Catholic Encyclopaedia, in describing the ritual, cites a passage from I Timothy where St Paul refers to a widow "washing the feet of God's people".

Bishops recently voted to

per liturgy in the English Missal, amending the transla-tion of the Latin viri selecti from "the men who have been chosen" to "a representative group of the faithful". This would be general enough to allow women to be included, but Vatican approval for the new translation has yet to be granted,

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A spokesman for Archbishop Ward said: "The instruction from Rome says this is a continuation of what Christ did at the Last Supper. The Archbishop would be the first to welcome women's feet being washed if Rome so allowed."

MAUNDY THURSDAY: IN THE STEPS OF THE DISCIPLES

The washing of feet on Maundy Thursday commemorates Christ's washing of the 12 disciples' feet during the Last Supper. In the heat of the Middle East, foot-washing was a physical necessity and a common courtesy offered to guests at feasts, usually carried out by a servant on both men and women. Christ's act was a demonstration of divine humility and a parable to his followers that they were the servants of those they taught.

The name of Maundy Thursday comes from a Latin line sung in Roman Catholic churches from St John's Gospel: Mandatum novum - "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." The ritual has been confined to men as all 12 disciples were male.

In the Roman Catholic church, the usual tradition is for the priest to wash the feet of 12 poor men, while the Pope washes the feet of 13 priests, one for each of the disciples and one for Christ. At Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Basil Hume has washed the feet of 12 Chelsea Pensioners.

Medieval and Stuart monarchs in Britain would occasionally wash the feet of 12 subjects in a demonstration of humility. In many cases the barefoot poor were in fact the children of royal servants, well scrubbed beforehand.



Kirk may give sanctuary to asylum seekers

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of Scotland is on a collision course with the Government over its decision to consider giving sanctuary to refugees facing deportation. The Kirk is calling on church members to oppose legislation that supports the current immigration system.

In a report by the Church and Nation Committee, which will be debated at the annual General Assembly in May, the Church criticises the Government for treating asylum seekers with "meanness, suspicion, injustice and hostility" and calls on it to change the practice of detaining refugees in prison.

There is a backlog of 70,000 refugees applying for asylum in Britain. Last year 1,295 were

The report calls the Government's so-called white list of safe countries "a blunt instrument to keep people out of Britain". It says: "The General Assembly should encourage church members to oppose legislation that supports this system."

Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of the Scottish Conserva-tive Party, criticised the Kirk for "interfering in legal matters" and giving advice to congregations which could lead to them breaking the law. The report says: "The Church must support, help, befriend and, if necessary, defend asylum seekers needing sanctuary and so fulfil the law of

The Rev Andrew McLellan, convenor of the Church and Nation Committee, admitted that the report's recommenda-tions could lead to congregations breaking the law, but denied the Church was interfering in state matters.

"I'm sure there will be conflict on this matter. Christians have a primary obligation to be obedient to the will of God as well as an obligation to the State. It has always been

the teaching of this Church that the will of God comes

Mr McLellan said the committee would ask the General Assembly to sanction guidelines that would involve churchgoers in giving shelter to deportees in their own homes or in a church building. He stressed that churches had no special dispensation and said that the authorities could well force entry to church premises to carry out the deportation order.

The report also calls on the Government to "fulfil its obligation to all holders of British Dependent Territory Citizens' passports in Hong Kong by returning them the right of entry and abode in the UK."

A spokesman for the Home Office said yesterday: "Each application for asylum is considered individually and measured against the international benchmark of the United Nations convention on asylum seekers.

"Only about 1.5 per cent of asylum seekers are held in detention and it is used sparingly. Only 4 per cent of asylum seekers who face deportation have the decision overruled on appeal.



Hirst: accused the

Fishermen's tales face lie detector

By TIM JONES

ANGLERS hoping to net a record British eash prize for catching fish may have to take a lie detector test to prove they are not just spinning another yarn.

Before landing the £50,000 on offer they could be required to have their heart beat monitored and perspiration tested on a Polygraph operated by professional investigators.

The competition, open until December 1999, is for ten species caught with a new type of lure — a Rapala, which imitates a small fish. Claimant must supply good photographs and have their fish weighed in the presence of two witnesses.

John Mitchell, managing director of Normark Sports, the company putting up the money, said the lie test had been insisted upon by the insurance company under writing the competition. He said: "If there is any doubt at all, we will insist they sit in front of the lie detector to have their reactions analysed.

Unfortunately, anglers do have a bit of a reputation for stretching the point and a small minority of them would be tempted to cheat to win such a big prize."

Ultimately, Mr Mitchell says he would rather rely on fair play than electronic gadgetry. With some, it is not the money, but the chase for glory and the chance of getting into the record books

Some of Britain's four million anglers had, however, gone to extraordinary lengths to win far more modest sums, Mr Mitchell said. There had been anglers who had bought their fish from shops weeks before an event took place and had been found out only when referees found the specimens presented for weighing were still half frozen. Others had made their fish heavier by stuffing lead pellets into their

One angler secreted a huge eel, caught days earlier, into the hollow section of his fishing rod and slipped it into his keep net during a contest.

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Gaddafi defies US threat to chemical weapons factory

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

RENEWED tension is mount-ing between the United States and Libya after America's implied threat this week that it would use military force to destroy a chemical weapons factory being built south of Tripoli. The development has been described by the CIA's head as the world's biggest underground chemical weap-

Yesterday the official Libyan news agency, Jana, dis-missed as "lies and imaginary arguments" an assertion by William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, that Libya was building the plant near the town of Tarhunah and that the US would not rule out military action to prevent weapons being produced.

The US threat came during a visit to Egypt by Mr Perry. who showed President Mubarak detailed intelligence information to underline American concern about the plant. which US officials say is being built into a mountainside. "I discussed a variety of evidence we have." Mr Perry said after his talks. "They demonstrate that the Libyans are not now producing chemical weapons. but they have an extensive programme under way to develop a chemical weapons production facility."

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According to Time magazine, only a direct hit by a nuclear warhead on the mountain's top could destroy the plant, although other US sources have said a commando-type operation was under consideration.

"Sneaking a conventional bomb through the front door would be impossible, and a precision-guided projectile fired from an attack jet or a cruise missile could never be programmed to twist and turn its way into the mountain's entrance and destroy the equipment inside," Time said. US intelligence sources, who have code-named efforts

to stop the plant going into production "Rabta-II Operation", say some equipment from the original Libyan chemical weapons factory at Rabta, 55 miles southwest of Tripoli, has been moved into the chamber. Muammar Gaddafi. the Libyan leader. shut Rabta in 1990 after Washington threatened to attack it with aircraft and publicly identified European companies

that had provided equipment. American officials travelling with Mr Perry said Rabta reopened last year and that Libya insists it is manufacturing only bona fide pharmaceuticals. The US claimed

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that, until its shutdown, Rabta produced about 100 tonnes of mustard gas and nerve gas over two years.
This week Mr Perry would

not say how close US intelligence believes the new plant is going into production. claiming any forecast would reveal classified information. 'It is not imminent," he told US military correspondents. Jana, regarded as Colonel

Gaddafi's mouthpiece, said: The American war minister's statements came within the framework of the continuous American campaign against the Great Jamahiriya [Libya]." It alleged Mr Perry's comments were an "aggressive provocation" and an attempt to fuel conflict betwen Egypt and Libya, described by the agency as "brothers".

The CIA director, John Deutch, testified recently to Congress that the new site was the largest underground plant of this type in the world. Some Washington reports say it is several thousand square

Diplomatic sources said last night Washington had secretbeen trying to get all foreign governments to halt the activities of companies involved in

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Erich Priehke, a formet SS cantain, leaves the military court in Rome, where he was ordered to stand trial yesterday on May 8, the fifty-first anniversary of VE-Day, for his role in the massacre of 335 Italians during the Sec-

SS officer for trial

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ond World War. When the ruling was announced, Herr Priebke, 82, "didn't blink an eye", said Pietro Nicotera, a lawyer for victims' relatives.

"The trial will demonstrate Priebke's responsibility," de-clared Antonino Intelisano, Rezze, for the defence, said

Herr Priebke believed the order to kill the civilians in the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome was a legitimate wartime reprisal for the deaths German soldiers. Herr Priebke has admitted be killed two victims. (AP)

Police in France accused of brutality

From Susan Bell in Paris

AMNESTY International, the human rights watchdog, ac-cused French police of unlawful killings and unnecessary brutality yesterday and said there were long delays in bringing the officers involved

to justice. Jacques Toubon, the Justice Minister, met Hervé Berger, deputy general secretary of Amnesty International, this week to discuss the group's findings, the first time it has been received in France at a ministerial level.

A 40-page report on violence in the security forces was published by Amnesty in 1994. So far the French Government has failed to make an appropriate response an Amnesty spokesperson said. Yesterday M Berger expressed Amnesty's concern that the pattern of ill-treatment and killings was continuing.

"In 1994 we quoted 29 cases of judicial delays, 11 of which were for incidents involving firearms and the rest for beatings and ill-treatment. Of these 29, more than half, are still under investigation three years later," said David Braham, author of the report.

According to Amnesty, a case of particular concern is the death of Khaled Kelkal. the Algerian-born leader of an Islamic guerrilla group shot by police last September after a series of bomb attacks.

Amnesty also cited the death of an eight-year-old Serbian gypsy boy, Todor Bogdanovic, when police shot at his family's car on a favoured route for illegal immigrants.

The group also alleges that French courts drag their feet when it comes to bringing guilty officers to book. It took more than five years to sentence a police officer for beating up a Senegalese boxer and two years to sentence another for raping a Tunisian woman at the Italian frontier.

"Since 1989 we have have been present in numerous countries in Europe which. like France, have experienced an increase in nationalism and xenophobia accompanied by a decline in tolerance. This translates into a resurgence of police violence," M Berger said in Paris yesterday.



historian David Irving. The decision came after prolonged protests from Jewish pressure groups who described Mr Irving's views of the Holocaust as "repellent". St Martin's Press, which had acquired the American rights to Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich, explained that it was "un-

aware" of Mr Irving's reput-

ation. He has, among other

things, questioned the exis-

tence of gas chambers at some

Nazi concentration camps. When St Martin's announced last month that it had agreed a \$25,000 (£16,447) advance to Mr Irving, there was anger from New York's Jewish lobby. Elie Wiesel, a prominent Holocaust survivor, withdrew two book jacket endorsements he had made for titles published by the firm.

Thomas McCormack, the chairman of St Martin's, said: "We made a mistake. We sure wished we knew then what we do now." Mr Irving said yesterday: "I shall be taking legal action to try to enforce



Irving: views seen as

Cyprus synod clears priest

FROM REUTER

THE Church of Cyprus said yesterday it had dropped charges of homosexuality against a priest whose trial

last month sparked off rioting. The Greek Orthodox Holy Synod said it had also lifted the suspension against Archimandrite Pangratios Meraclis, 39, imposed in early February. He is the people's favourite for the post of bishop in the northwestern Morphou district. The priest, who has been

elevated to near-martyr status

by his followers, was charged

with homosexuality by the synod last month. Thousands of his supporters clashed with police when he went on trial. The issue nearly caused a split in the church when members of the synod disagreed with the way the archbishopric in Nicosia han-died the matter. Under the terms of a deal, the priest will not, for now, be allowed to run for the bishop's post, elections

for which has been suspended.

Rightwinger seeks Spanish summit to end party feuds

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID member of the Popular Party

(PP) that won the general election a month ago without

a majority, is against the

party favouring one national-

ist bloc to the detriment of

others as the government-in-waiting horse-trades for the

AS THE recently elected conservatives try to form a gov-ernment in Spain, one of the country's most respected political leaders has issued a veiled warning about the possible disintegration of the nation with the sort of growing inequality between regions that led to civil war in Spain 60 years ago and, more recently.

in the former Yugoslavia. Manuel Fraga, a founder

votes it needs to govern. Señor Fraga, a minister under Franco, has called for a meeting of the presidents of

the 17 autonomous regions

Eta armoury revealed

By Edward Owen

THE recent arrest of a leading member of Eta has enabled police to discover that the Basque terrorist organisation was stockpiling an armoury in a family mausoleum near San Sebastián and had prepared a hit list of 196 people, mainly members of the security for-

ces, and 495 other targets. José Maria Atutxa, the Basque administration's councillor of the interior, said Eta had detailed plans on how to assassinate 23 people and had planned 22 attacks within the next few months. The docuarrest last week of Valentin Lasarte, leader of Eta's Donosti, or San Sebastián commando. He has now been charged with a number of

killings, including those of two leading Basque politicians. Subsequently, José Manuel Errazkin, a grave digger in Hernani, near the Basque resort, was charged with collaborating with Eta after the armoury, including two antitank grenades, rifles with telescopic sights and ammunition, were found in a mausoleum which had recently been opened for an internment.

that, along quasi-federal lines, were established under the 1978 Constitution. He is president of Galicia in the northwest and is opposed to the Catalans getting tax concessions and a further devolution of powers. "I will not agree to a new system of financing that benefits only a few." Senor Fraga said changes should not be decided in hasty bilateral negotiations between a government and one autonomous

community.

José Maria Aznar, the PP
leader, has been promised enough votes from regional cationalists for his investiture as Prime Minister. With 156 deputies in the 350-seat congress, the 16 votes of the Catalan nationalists, augmented by those from nationalists in the Canary Islands and the Basque country, are all important.

Jordi Pujol, the fiercely nationalist president of Catalonia, is demanding fiscal coresponsibility. He wants to raise and spend 40 per cent of income tax (the figure now is 15 per cent) and bring in more from VAT, and raise his own indirect taxes on fuel, alcohol and tobacco.

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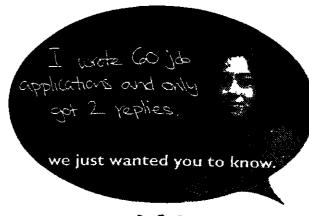
By Susan Bell

judicial fate, Francis "The Belgian" Vanverberghe, the man known to police as "the last godfather of Marseilles", walked free from the high court in southern French port city yesterday after spending more than four years in prison awaiting trial on drugsmuggling charges.
"I had faith in my country's justice system. I have waited a

long time for this moment. Now I can relax," said a visibly relieved Mr Vanverberghe. 50, as he left court after the verdict yesterday. Accused of smuggling 44lbs of heroin into the United States from Spain in 1985, he faced up to 40 years' jail if convicted. The Belgian is one

IN A remarkable twist of Mediterranean city's notorious "French Connection" era. He was first jailed at 18 when he received a 12-year sentence for his role in the international drug-smuggling ring which inspired the Oscar-winning film. Allegations against him since have included gangland killings, pimping and arms offences. For more than 20 years he was one of France's most wanted men.

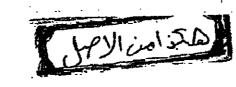
Evidence in the case rested on the testimony of François Scapula, 50. a repentant Mar-seilles drug dealer and police informer who is serving a 20-year prison sentence. The court yesterday declared itself disinclined to trust Scapula's contradictory accusations. convicted. The Belgian is one of the last survivors of the connection with the case.





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Bushmen fight to stay on in last Botswana haven

A DWINDLING band of Kalahari Bushmen has appealed to the United Nations to save them from being evicted from their ancestral lands to make way for tourism.

John Hardbattle, a spokesman for the tribal group, who is half Khwe Bushman, half English, told Jose Ayala Lasso, the UN Human Rights Commissioner, that 3,000 Khwe Bushmen will be forcibly taken in cattle trucks from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in summer.

The Bushmen will receive no compensation for leaving the third largest game reserve in Africa and will be dispersed hundreds of miles apart, according to Mr Hardbattle.

The Bushmen say they have lived in the desert of Botswana for 40,000 years. They claim they have a constitutional right to live in the reserve. which has become their last safe refuge as they have been driven from their other traditional territories in Botswana. Roy Sesana, leader of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve Settlements, said yesterday: "We are being chased away as if we are nothing. If

you look at the lion and you look at me we are brothers. am very confused that should leave this place and that my brother the lion should stay behind. We refuse to be moved. If we leave our

land, we leave our life

behind.

Mr Sesana said that the Khwe who lived on settlements, which the tribespeople call "places of death", were sometimes reduced to thieving and begging. "On the reserve I have space, seasons, the game," he said. He added that the Khwe would be content to stay in the game reserve and become involved in the tourist industry as long as they re-

tained some control. Mr Hardbattle, who will address the UN Commission on Human Rights again next week when it considers the question of the rights of indig-enous people, wants the UN to send a team of observers to Botswana. He says that the Botswana Government, dominated by the Tswana tribe, violates the human rights of the Khwe.

Mr Hardbattle said the

discrimination from the Government. In the past Khwe people, including his own maternal grandmother, were used as slaves, he said. According to the tribal people, Khwe culture is denigrated. teaching the Khwe language is forbidden and Khwe communities are denied democratic

Mr Hardbattle said: "It is time for our people to speak out for we, too, are a people. We have a right to land, to culture and to a life, as all others do." He has told the UN that the Government punishes the Bushmen who practise traditional hunting and gathering for food, water and The Khwe are allowed spe-

cial game licences, but there are numerous restrictions, he said. Botswanan security forces have beaten, tortured and killed Bushmen and Khwe subsistence hunters face increasing and often fraudulent poaching charges.

Alfred Majaye Dube, the High Commissioner for Botswana in London, said last night that the Central Kalahari Game Reserve had been



A Bushman hunts in Botswana, but his way of life is threatened by the pressures of the booming tourism industry

meant for wildlife, not human habitation. "The Khwe were never moved before because they were not regarded as people who needed everything else. We do not accept that they should be condemned to

adding that the Khwe would have better schools and clinics elsewhere in Botswana. Under Botswana land use plans, all national parks have to be free of human and domestic animals, according to Mr Dube. He denied that a date had

been fixed for the eviction of the tribespeople. Negotiations are continuing with the community and the Government is looking at possible alternative sites." The tribes people would receive compensation, he said. The envoy

denied that lucrative tourist income was the motivation behind the Government's plans. "That area is not really meant for tourists. It will not be swamped with Japanese and Germans tomorrow. It is

Seoul hits back in buffer zone row

BY DAVID WATTS

PRESIDENT Kim Young Sam of South Korea yesterday warned the Communist North against "reckless provocation" after Pyongyang refused to recognise the buffer zone between the two sides.

North Korea's strategy appears to be aimed at putting pressure on Seoul in the runup to elections this month and at trying to tempt Washington into a bilateral peace treaty in place of the present United Nations arrangement.

A third, but more remote, possibility is that the North is under pressure from its starying population and may be seeking a safety-valve which would also have an impact on the South.

North Korea has recently unleashed militant remarks. but they should realise any reckless provocation would only lead to their collapse." President Kim told troops near the demilitarised zone. Pyongyang announced it would no longer respect the demilitarised zone, a buffer designed to discourage mili-

tary confrontation. In Washington, the State Department said it was un-clear why North Korea had decided to issue such an ambiguous and dangerous statement. "It is hard to tell what the internal situation is and what could be motivating them," an official said.

Corruption augurs poll disaster for Gandhi successors

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S governing Congress Party, facing a general election this month, is in chaos after a run of resignations; scandals and rebellions that have raised questions about its survival as the country's pre-eminent political force.

A dozen ministers have quit in the past month, most because they were implicated in bribery, others because they are disgusted with the pre-P. V. Narasimha Prime Minister

signed this week, taking the total to more than a third of the ministerial team. They were protesting at an electoral deal Mr Rao made with the discredited Jayalalitha Jayaram, a former film star elected Chief Minister of the huge southern state of Tamil Nadu five years ago. Police are investigating her fabulous new wealth; her official salary

is two pence a month. She likes her loyalists to abase themselves publicly, making her a hated and feared figure. Some have sought to please her by rolling on their backs like dogs: others have grovelled before her on hands and knees. A travelling tattooist branded



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village women with her name and last year she attended a ceremony in which 430 state employees were to have walked across burning coals to mark her 48th birthday. They backed out when they saw the embers.

Many in the Congress Par are appalled Mr Rao would deal with Ms Javalalitha. But Tamil Nadu sends 39 MPs to the 543-seat Lok Sabha (lower house), which could be decisive. No party is likely to win an outright majority, and Ms alalitha could prove vital

Mr Rao has enhanced the Congress Party's reputation for corruption and unethical tactics. He announced that none of the MPs implicated in financial scandals would be accepted as electoral candidates, but then ensured that friends, wives and relatives got the tickets instead

Mr Rao has not forgotten his family: he has set aside a prized constituency in his home state of Andhra Pradesh for a son. Another son is said to be implicated in a sugar scandal

There are 19,000 candidates nationally, of whom many are crooks. The crime-politics nexus is especially strong in the northern Hindi-speaking belt. In many states politicians-cum-crime bosses run parallel governments. Police say at least a fifth of the candidates in Uttar Pradesh, with a population of 120 million, have been involved in serious crime.

This is the first election to be held beyond the shadow of the Gandhi-Nehru dynasty. which gave the Congress Party unrivalled leadership and a neasure of internal stability. as well as keeping it in power for most of the past 49 years.

The outcome is a toss-up between the Congress Party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, and the National Front/Left Front alliance. India may get its first coalition government.





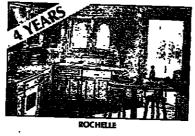


















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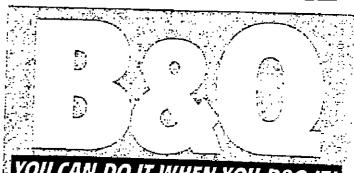
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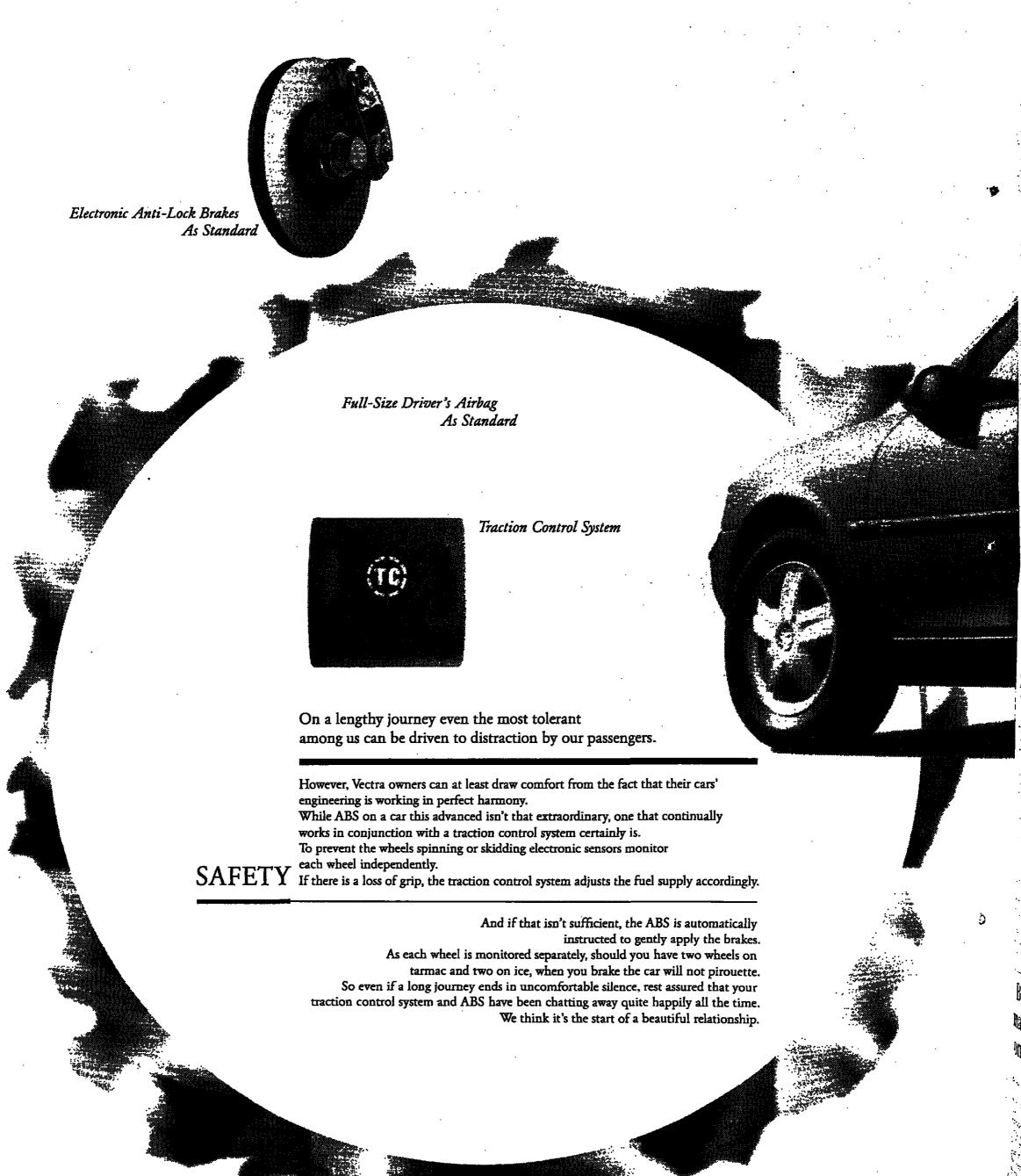
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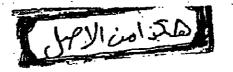
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US judge rules British Government cannot use racketeering laws

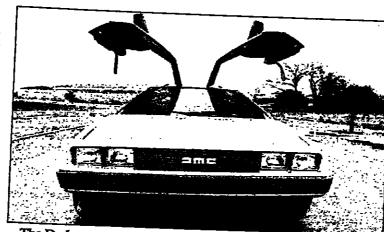
De Lorean claim rejected

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, the accountant, declared victory yester-day after a New York judge ruled that the British Government could not use racketeering laws to claim up to an estimated \$1 billion in damages in the De 1 occup. Motor damages in the De Lorean Motor

The ruling, however, does not necessarily absolve Arthur Andersen from any wrong-doing. Judge Muk-asey, the federal judge in Manhattan, has permitted a narrower trial to proceed on claims under federal securities laws.

Malcolm Schade, a lawyer at Thacher Proffit & Wood, the British Covernment's legal counsel in New York, said: "On balance, this is definitely not a defeat. In refusing to strike out the fraud and negligence claims, the Government has left intact what has always been the heart of the

But James Zirin of Brown & Wood. lawyers for Arthur Andersen, called the judgment a blow for the British Government and said his client expected to win the upcoming trial, which is expected to start within the year. He said: This was an Alice in



The De Lorean sports car that was built in Belfast and John De Lorean, who founded the company

Wonderland claim from the start. It removes a tremendous black cloud er Anthur Andersen's head."

The Government's Department of Economic Development issued a writ against the international accounting firm in 1985. It alleged conspiracy, fraud, negligence and incompetence in auditing De Lorean Motors, the maker of the gull-wing sports car that collapsed in 1982. The failure of the company cost 2,000 jobs in

Northern Ireland and wiped out the Government's £78 million invest-ment in the factory in the form of grants, loans and preference shares. John Zachary De Lorean, now 71. the former Chrysler Corp executive who founded the car factory, alleged-ly stole \$8.5 million from the factory's investors but was never convicted of fraud. He was also acquitted in 1984 on cocaine trafficking charges. The British Government sued Ar-

thur Andersen for £240 million under the rackeetering statute, known as Rico, which was orginally designed as a weapon against the serial fraud perpetuated by the Mafia. Rico allows for treble damages and the Government could have collected up to about \$1 billion, if interest were included, if it had won. It also could have recovered its legal costs, thought to be millions of dollars. Mr Zirin estimated that Arthur

ernment's final investment in De Lor-ean Motors in 1980-81, if the new trial goes against it. Judge Mukasey dis-missed claims for damages related to the Government's original, and much bigger, investment in the late 1970s. But Mr Schade said that the £20 million figure was unrealistic. He

Andersen would lose only as much as £20 million, equivalent to the Gov-

noted that the Government, while seeking treble damages under Rico, was not seeking pre-judgment interest as well. In the new case, he said, the Government intends to ask for pre-judgment interest, which, if paid, would greatly expand the cost to Arthur Andersen. The firm has always argued that it

audited De Lorean Motors properly. It said yesterday that Judge Mukas-ey's ruling only revealed the Govern-ment's effort "to make Andersen the scapegoat for the ineptitude and mis-

takes of government officials."

The firm hopes that the judgment will allow it to compete for government of the property of t ment contracts again. For the past eleven years, it has done no work for government departments, which it estimated spend £50 million a year on accounting firms.

Ex-Swan Hunter workers win £6m payout

By Martin Barrow

MORE than 2,000 former shipyard workers from Swan Hunter on Tyneside will share a near-£6 million settlement for compensation they claimed after being made redundant.

The average payout will be between £2,000 and £3,000, although a small group of former managers will receive up to £15,000. The settlement, against

Price Waterhouse, the receivers, follows lengthy negotiations involving the Con-federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and union solicitors. The settlement is a direct

result of the 1994 Paramount Airways ruling, which left receivers and administrators liable to pay some claims from employees they had laid off.
Subsequent legislation in 1994 removed the liability but this was not retrospective, leaving some 500,000 employees of companies that ran into difficulties between 1986 and March 1994 free to claim

compensation.
The confederation, a coalition of unions including the GMB and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, argued that the workers should have been paid

more compensation. Tommy Brennan, a regional official of the GMB, said the ex-Swan employees had lost out on severance pay because the receivers had argued it was not their responsibility. "This is a sweet victory, but all we have won is what the workers would have been entitled to if they had been made redundant by the employers rather than the receivers."

Gordon Horsfield, one of the joint receivers, said the level of the settlement illustrated the concerns expressed by insolvency practitioners when the House of Lords' ruling was made two years ago.

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Freight

THE American company that took over the British Rail freight business is looking for up to 4,000 voluntary redundancies from the 7,639 freight and post distribution staff. The company declined to put a figure on the number of jobs it wants to shed but it is understood that job losses could reach 4,000.

Staff yesterday received let-ters outlining the terms of the voluntary package on offer from North & South Railways, the British arm of Wisconsin Central Transportation Cor-poration, the American trans-

port company. North & South Railways said that it wanted to make the cost reductions as part of an effort to increase its share of the British freight market. The proportion of freight in

Britain that is carried by the railways has fallen to 6 per cent — against 63 per cent for the roads. It has been in gradual decline since the Sixgradual decime since the six-ties. Before taking over the British Rail freight operations at the end of February, Wisconsin was best known as owner of the Royal Train. Wisconsin said that it had

told the rail unions about the voluntary redundancy scheme which involves the three former British Rail freight companies — Loadhaul, Mainline Freight and Transrail - in addition to Rail Express Sysers the Royal Mail.

RMT, the biggest of the rail unions, said: "We are concerned that the job losses envisaged do not square with the company's declared strate-

gy of growth.
"We shall continue with our talks with the company. Our policy has always been that there should be no compul-sory redundancies." Wisconsin said that the voluntary package takes into account people's age, salary and the number of years in service.

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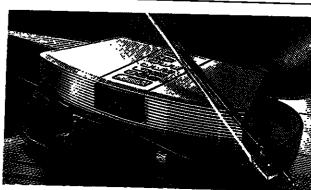
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Lloyd's protest Lloyd's of London is braced for a storm of protest over a

long-awaited review of its recovery plans, copies of which were posted to 34,000 names yesterday. The report by Slaughter and May, the law firm, does not assess the hard figures underpinning Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal plan, and has been accused of drawing its conclusions in a "financial vacuum". Page 24

Optimism Alfred McAlpine, the

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Suppliers in dispute over what went in gas pipeline

A BITTER dispute has broken out between British Gas and independent gas suppliers over how much gas has been delivered through the national pipeline system, and to whom. The disagreement calls into question arrangements designed to enable the entire United Kingdom gas market to be opened up to competition

over the next two years. Seven suppliers have written to Ofgas, the industry regulator, calling for invoices relating to £30 million of charges for delivering gas to industrial and commercial customers in March to be held back. The disagreement comes after a dispute, last month, in which shippers failed to respond to a demand from TransCo for gas in the new flexibility market and TransCo had to buy gas at

Bischoff makes £1m on shares

high prices to balance the

system. Shippers now blame

By Patricia Tehan BANKING CORRESPONDENT

WIN BISCHOFF, who took over as chairman of Schroders, the investment bank, last May, made a £1.03 million profit last year on the sale of shares he received under the bank's share option scheme.

The profit was in addition to a paper profit of £231,000 on the exercise of share options and to his pay of £654,000 last year, which included a bonus of £455,000. His total pay was down £1,000 after a reduction in benefits. Last year, Schroders increased its profits by just I per cent to £197.3 million, but the dividend payment was 17

per cent higher at lop. In line with best practice, Schroders increased the amount of information presented in its annual report, going further than most other banks in spelling out the profits made by directors on the exercise of share options.

The bank's best paid director was James Harmon, who received a total salary, benefits and bonus of £1.13 million last year.

TransCo for failing to provide the necessary data, leaving them unaware of the position. Now, shippers say that vol-ume estimates by British Gas's TransCo subsidiary, which runs the pipeline system, are hopelessly inaccurate. Since the Network Code came into

operation on March I, daily discrepancies of up to 15 per cent have been recorded between the amount of gas shippers calculate customers have used, and estimates prepared by TransCo. Gas shippers say that they could face financial penalties, payable to TransCo, because of discrepancies. The letter to Ofgas was

written after a meeting yesterday between TransCo and pipeline users. Among the companies that have asked Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, to intervene are Quadrant, owned by Shell and Esso, and Kinetica, controlled by PowerGen. The seven signatories account for threequarters of the industrial gas market in Britain, and perhaps a quarter of all gas

shipped through the pipeline. A TransCo spokesman said: We are going to do some more calculations next week and get back to the shippers." TransCo believed the code had worked well in the first month, but Ofgas could order changes if there were problems, he said. The shippers believe the

problems are deep-seated. The letter to Ofgas said there are "unacceptable and unquantifiable commercial risks arising from customer portfolio disarray, chronic data deficiencies, and the fail-

ure of information flows". The shippers say that the problems arise because of shortcomings in the TransCo database of sites served.

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Joseph Wan, chief executive of Harvey Nichols, the upmarket retailer that is about to obtain a stock market listing in London. The company, with a single store in Knightsbridge, west London, will be valued at between £132 million and £148.5 million. Pennington, page 25

Candidates line up for top job at Woolwich solicitors that he felt "extremely ag-grieved" that he had not been given the

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

AT LEAST six candidates have already put their names forward to succeed Peter Robinson, who was dismissed as chief executive of the Woolwich Build-

ing Society on Tuesday.

Most are from banks and other building societies, but applicants include John Stewart, Woolwich operations director. The society is keen to move quickly to keep its £3 billion stock market flotation planned for next year

opportunity to answer back. A spokeswoman for his lawyers, D J Freeman, said: "Mr Robinson wants to know just what the allegations are against him. The ball is in the court of the Woolwich." Mr Robinson was confronted with allegations relating to the purchase of a Range Rover and to decorating and gardening work undertaken at his home in Brasted, Kent. The forced resignation over the alleged

abuse of company facilities and the news

on track.

Mr Robinson has said through his that Mr Robinson was able to sign his

signature for more than a year has focused attention on best practice in building societies and banks. Donald Kirkham, acting chief executive of the Woolwich, said Mr Robin-

son, along with other Woolwich directors, had signed his own personal expenses, saying it was "a question of trust". But he added: "The particular list of allegations does not include personal expenses." He said the society would be reviewing its audit procedures, including those for personal expenses and company facilities, in the

aftermath of this week's events. However, last night Mr Kirkham said: "Mr Robinson was told by the chairman [Sir Brian Jenkins], accompanied by a director and legal adviser when he was seen on Monday, of the allegations and was shown a shortlist."

He said the investigation continues and it could be two weeks before the work is completed. He said: "He was not required to resign on the basis that there were allegations; it was on the basis that there was a lack of trust and confidence in him, particularly on the part of the management."

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BT managers vote

for action over pay

BT MANAGERS and other senior staff have voted to take industrial action over pay. Backing for action short of a strike by members of the Society of Telecom Executives

threatens a "serious and damaging" dispute, a union leader warned. STE members voted by 6,782 to 1,683 to take

action, which will include a work-to-rule and withdrawal of

goodwill. The union is complaining about the "secrecy" of a

pay offer which will add 4 per cent to BT's wage bill but could lead to some managers receiving nothing.

Simon Petch, STE general secretary, said: "It will mean a wide range of increases starting well below the rate of inflation. Members are not clear how these will be decided on who will set what Members are not clear how these will be decided.

or who will get what. Many simply do not trust the company

to treat them fairly and resent a pay system shrouded in secrecy." Talks are likely to be held between the two sides next week to try to avert action by the managers.

SUTHERLAND & PARTNERS, the Edinburgh-based stockbroker, is opening a London office, after investors including 3i, Equitable Life and Rea Brothers, put up funding of 12 million. The firm which has been trading of 12 million.

of £2 million. The firm, which has been trading since 1989, is

a fixed interest broker with a growing equities brokerage business. Mike Cunnane, former partner of Pannure Gordon, will run the office. He has also contributed part of the funding. Roddy Orr, former director of equity sales at ABN-Amro Hoare Govett, is also joining the new venture.

RALPH SHARP, managing director of A J Archer, the quoted

Lloyd's underwriter, has left the company "to pursue other

opportunites", according to an announcement made on the

Stock Exchange yesterday. The company said Mr Sharp "has

been considering the changes which will occur in the Lloyd's market in the post-reconstruction and renewal period and

wishes to be free to pursue a number of opportunities which

may arise at that time. In the circumstances, he believes that

it would be inappropriate to continue as managing director".

Halifax cuts savers' rates

A J Archer chief quits

Broker expands

Seasonal lift for traffic at Eurotunnel

By Sarah Cunningham

EUROTUNNEL, the heavily indebted Channel Tunnel operator, yesterday reported sharply higher traffic figures for its Le Shuttle car transport service in March, but analysts said the figures were flattered by seasonal factors.

Eurotunnel said Le Shuttle tourist traffic had doubled in March compared with the same month last year at 152,875 vehicles and 5.619 coaches. Compared with February, the tourist traffic was up 31 per cent.

The traffic figures pushed Eurotunnel's warweary shares up 3p to 66p but analysts said the data were largely meaningless as a year ago Eurotunnel was barely up and running and traffic would be expected to rise in March every year, particularly when Easter falls in early April.

The figures are pretty good, but they are distorted by the seasonality of the business. What everyone is really concerned with is Eurotunnel's need to sort out its debt problem." said Wendy Wong, transport analyst at Merrill Lynch Smith New Court.

Eurotunnel suspended interest payments on its £8 billion debt last year. It has been locked in negotiations with its banks ever since. Meanwhile, it has been fighting a fierce battle for market share with cross-Channel ferry companies.

Eurotunnel said that on Saturday March 30 Le Shuttle broke its previous record by carrying 8,430 vehicles, including 586 coaches. Le Shuttle's freight business carried 46,534 trucks in March, in line with February traffic.

A BOND salesman who tried

to conceal a £4 million loss on

a client's account has been

expelled by the Securities and

Futures Authority (SFA).

David Santangelo has also

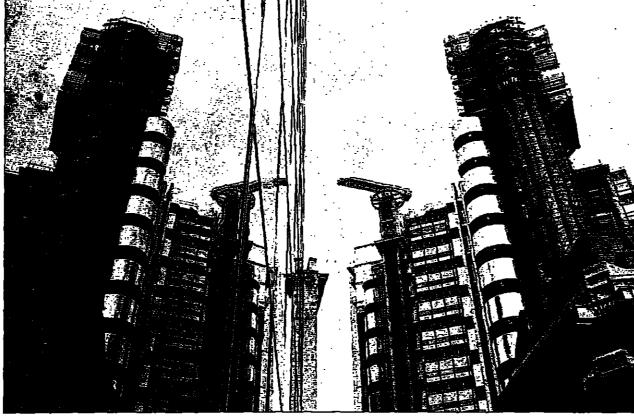
ordered to pay costs of £8,000.

two days by the SFA. Geoffrey

Glazebrook, former head of

European equities market-

The action is the second in



Lloyd's rescue plan has been reviewed by the Slaughter and May law firm, but critics attack a lack of input by actuaries

Lloyd's facing protest over 'vacuum' report

LLOYD'S of London is braced for a storm of protest over a long-awaited review of its recovery plans, copies of which were posted to 34,000 names yesterday. The report. by Slaughter and May. the law firm, does not assess the hard figures underpinning Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan, and has been accused of drawing its conclusions in a "financial

vacuum". It is costing Lloyd's £80,000 to distribute the 62-page report, details of which will be published tomorrow. Leaked extracts confirm Slaughter and May's independent con-

making with NatWest Securi-

ties, was expelled from City

registers and fined £7,500 for

concealing trading losses over

an eight-month period. He

was ordered to pay costs of

Mr Santangelo, an Ameri-

can, was a salesman in the

fixed-income division of CS

First Boston (CSFB) until his

dismissal in February 1994.

clusion that R&R is the best way forward for names. Without R&R, names would have no finality, no end to litigation and no assistance from the central fund, and would be likely to face immediate cash calls.

Alan Porter, one of three members of the Validation Steering Group (VSG), which commissioned the report, has refused to endorse it. In a letter to names, he suggests that some of Slaughter and May's conclusions have been reached prematurely or been based on inadequate information. He adds: "It is of great concern to many names that

He ran up a huge loss on a

trade, and then induced his

client into a series of over-

valued transactions, with a

view to concealing the deficit.

CSFB has compensated the

US Securities & Exchange

Commission (SEC) is aware

of the order that has been

made against Mr Sant-

It is unclear whether the

SFA bans salesman in £4m loss

By Jon Ashworth

Lloyd's appears to be unable to offer financial statements and due diligence of a standard that would normally accompany any other major corporate or financial

Mr Porter is deputy chairman of the Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party (LNAWP), which yesterday kept up the attack on the lack of input from accountants or actuaries. Commenting on the report, the LNAWP said: "Its usefulness to names is devalued by trying to draw legal conclusions in a financial vасцить."

reconstruction."

angelo, which does not extend

The SFA conceded that it

has not contacted the SEC

directly about the case, in

spite of growing calls for

international regulators.
About 50 individuals have

been expelled from City regis-

ters since the SFA was formed

to America

Damon de Laszlo, the two other VSG members, argue that the report provides a ringing endorsement for R&R.

Sir David said: "The report confirms that Lloyd's is on the ight track and that it is wishful thinking to believe that there is a viable alterna-tive to the R&R plan. Efforts must now be concentrated on ensuring the settlement fund is big enough to end the litigation and enable members to pay their Equitas bills." Separately, Lloyd's has

agreed a month-long truce with American state commissioners, in the face of mounting disquiet among US regulators. The standstill was agreed in New York at a meeting with the North American Securities Association.

Under the deal, Lloyd's has agreed to refrain from drawing down letters of credit backing US names' financial obligations, to allow time for discussions with state regulators. Nine US states have initiated enforcement actions against Lloyd's, alleging violations of state securities law

fraud provisions. Lloyd's said that the standstill would provide an opportunity to correct misunderstandings and misperceptions.

Bristol & West favourite for bid

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Bristol & West has emerged as favourite as the next building society to be the target of a takeover bid. It has already raised its

minimum investment to £2,500 in an attempt to stop speculators opening accounts to benefit from any share or cash payout. The society, which has assets of about £14.8 billion and more than a million members, would cost about £700 million to buy.

John Burke, Bristol & West chief executive, emphasises that the society would want to retain its identity if taken over. The society also emphasises that, unlike competitors that have chosen to convert because they wish to diversify, it wants to concentrate on producing the best services and products for savers and borrowers.

Prudential and National Australia Bank have both been tipped as possible bid-

ders for the society.

The fact that the Bristol & West wants to keep its identity would appear to rule out some of the other possible bidders. such as Abbey National, the Halifax and Lloyds Bank Speculation around the Bristol & West is intensifying after the surprise announcement by Northern Rock that it intends to float on the stock market.

The few remaining societies that are committed to staying mutual reiterated their call for the Government to tighten rules governing society membership. They want it to be made harder for predators to take over societies. Those emphasising munuality in-clude the Nationwide, the Bradford & Bingley, the York-shire and the Britannia.

Rob Thomas, building societies analyst with UBS, said: "Bristol & West have not been affirming their mutuality, al-though they do appear interested in remaining an autonomous entity."



Burke: wants identity kept

THE Halifax has cut its savers' rates by an average 0.25 per cent, handing on the whole of last month's bank baserate cut. None of the society's main accounts, including the Liquid Gold instant access account and the Solid Gold 90-day notice accounts, has escaped unscathed. The rate on a balance of £5,000 in the Liquid Gold account will now earn 29 per cent gross, down from 3.2 per cent. The same balance in a Solid Gold account will earn 3.35 per cent gross instead of 3.6 per cent gross.

Ex-Daiwa chief guilty

THE former general manager of Daiwa Bank's New York branch has pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to defraud federal regulators. The plea was entered at Manhattan district court. Masahiro Tsuda was accused of conspiring with Daiwa to hide a \$1.1 billion loss at the branch. In February, the bank pleaded guilty to concealing the loss and agreed to pay \$340 million in fines. Mr Tsuda was alleged to have assisted in the cover-up by failing to file a report with regulators and hiding records.

Standard to sell broker

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK proposes to sell Standard Chartered Securities, which has stockbroking activities in Hong Kong, Indonesia. Malaysia, China and Thailand, as for an estimated HK\$103.4 million (£8.7 million), Nava will acquire an 80.1 per cent interest and Thai Military Bank, the largest shareholder in Nava, will acquire a 10 per cent interest. Standard Chartered Bank will retain 9.9 per cent.

Housing starts steady

THE number of housing starts in the three months to February totalled 33,600 — unchanged from the previous three months but 17 per cent lower than the same three months a year ago. according to the Department of the Environment. Housing completions were up 3 per cent from the previous three months, at 45,400, but this was unchanged from a year earlier. Private enterprise housing starts and completions were both up 6 per cent from the previous three months.

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New car buyers in the slow lane

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

SALES of new cars to private buyers fell last month as the motor industry continued to suffer the lack of a "feel-good" factor in showrooms.

Total registrations in March were down 0.87 per cent on the same month last year to 180,275, compared with 181.849, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. The total masked a huge gap between private sales and company fleets. While fleet and company car sector sales rose 10.4 per cent last month over March 1995. private sales were 6.6 per cent

down. This underlines a trend which the motor industry seems powerless to reverse, in spite of discounting and offering incentives, such as free insurance and zero per cent finance. And it comes at the same time that the motor industry is being criticised for

selling cars at too high prices. Roger King, SMMT public affairs director, said yesterday that the sluggishness of the private purchasing sector

"continues to cause concern". He said recent reports that British and European car prices were higher than those in the US were "misleading" as they were not comparing like with like. He added: "The reports have done nothing to build consumer confidence, which can only be encouraged by both manufacturers and

retailers working together." New car sales for the first three months of 1996 now total 531.049, a 1.08 per cent increase on the same period last year. The ten best-selling cars in March were: Ford Fiesta, Ford Escort, Vauxhall Astra, Vauxhall Vectra, Ford Mondeo. Vauxhall Corsa, Rover 400, Peugeot 306, Rover 100 and the Renault Clio.

Keating case TOURIST RATES overturned

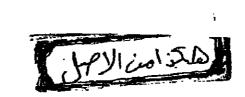
CHARLES KEATING, the figure at the centre of the US Savings & Loans controversy that cost taxpayers billions of dollars in the early 1990s, has had his state court convictions for fraud overturned.

Keating was convicted in 1991 of 17 counts of securities fraud. but a US district court has ruled that the judge in that trial was wrong to instruct the jury that they could convict the former head of Lincoln Saving & Loan of aiding and abetting securities violations even if he did not directly know a crime was being committed. Keating is unlikely to be released from jail immediately because he was convicted of similar charges in a federal court in 1993.

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THE war of words in the EI.9

billion bid battle between BET

and Rentokil continued yester-

cout resorting to borrowing. Rentokil said that BET's cashflow had been negative in the past two years and predicted it would amount to a net outflow of £29 million for the year ending March 31, 1996. compared with a forecast dividend cost of £39 million. Earlier BET had issued a forecast that the company's

debt would fall from £119 million at the half-year stage to £60 million at March 31. BET added that it spent E39 million in dividends and £65 million in acquisitions during the whole financial year. The company described the cash-flow claims as a "side issue".

Shares in Rentokil rose 6.5p to close at an all-time high of 368.5p, which values the offer at 204.5p. BET shares closed just above the offer price, up 1.5p at 207p. BET described the movement in Rentokil's share price as "quaint".

☐ City on alert over US figures ☐ Dilemma for the water regulator ☐ Expensive price tag for Harvey Nichols Odd jobs for the weekend?

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☐ SPRING is sprung at last, and events two millennia ago make today a day of rest. Down to a DIY shed, and a temporary bodge on that bit of dodgy guttering? To the nursery, and a long-delayed blitz on the garden? Or just a spin into the country, and lunch in a pub? and lunch in a pub?

As you mull over the options, a moment's thought for a band of City professionals who, deprived of such choice, are even now anticipating an awful weekend.
The City is fielding a skeleton staff this Easter to deal with the fallout from US jobs figures.

The monthly non-farm payroll data would not generally trouble the scorers this side of the Atlantic — except that the last set knocked world stock markets into a tailspin. This Good Friday the US Employment Department will issue an update, as well as the March figures for jobs creation in the US.

The announcement of a sharp upsurge in the US economy on March 8 spoiled what would otherwise have been a splendid day for the London stock market, Kenneth Clarke having sanc-tioned the third cut in base rates since December.

US economists had been looking for a 300,000 rise in the number of Americans employed outside agriculture, which would have implied a healthy ecomomy but one with room yet for further

interest rate cuts. The figures showed an extraordinary 705,000 rise, suggesting that the interest rate cycle had flipped over and the next move, in however many months, would

be up again.
The FT-SE tumbled 48 points and the Dow ended 171 points lower. The fear was that this was the trigger for a long-delayed sharp fall for world stock markets. But life went on. The Dow Jones is now back above where it was that Friday, the FT-SE in London about equal, even if the same doubts linger that the markets are overvalued. Today's figures will indicate whether that huge job creation in February was real or must be revised downwards, and whether March saw another rise.

If the March figure shows an increase in the number of American jobs of less than 100,000, this will be good news, and all the better if accompanied by a February revision from 705,000 to perhaps as low as 200,000. The February figures could have been distorted two ways, by the strike at General Motors and by temporary work associated with

the canvassing going on for the American presidential election. But in the topsy-turvy world of economics, if jobs are still being created in America, world mar-

kets could be set for another disastrous fall. London's prob-lem is that the City will be closed until Tuesday morning. World markets can move a long way over such a time, and stocks and bonds in London might be worth significantly less by then. On a grim historical note, the 1987 crash was made more traumatic in London because the hurricane on Friday morning kept much of the market out of action. Have a pleasant weekend.

Byatt survives, at a price

☐ IAN BYATT has been by far the best utility regulator in an undistinguished field. So he should have been a shoo-in for another term as Director-General of Water Services, if he wanted one. But not until recently. Water was unpopular, damaging the Government. This meant black marks for Byatt and some reluc-





tance even to extend his term by two years to sort out appeals from the 1994 price review. His age was an ideal excuse. Since then, however, the former Treasury man has been bending cheerfully with the political wind, striking poses that must discomfit his fastidious mind and starting far too many initia-tives for a chap about to retire.

Political sensitivity has earned its reward. Mr Byatt has beaten off ambitious challengers to win another four-year term, making a potential II years in all. But that political correctness will surely haunt him, whichever party wins the next election. The immediate dilemma is

what to do with South West Water. In theory, the mooted takeover by neighbouring Wes-sex is the worst kind in the regulator's book. Severn Trent would be little better. In practice, South West Water was always set to be the problem child of water privatisation. Few would be keener than Mr Byatt, and local MPs, to see the Monopolies Commission and Whitehall send both bids back to Ofwat, where he could conduct a Dutch auc-

tion of price rebates for South

West customers. The regulator could then say he had nobly sacrificed a comparator for the immediate sake of customers. But that was before John Major, with the nodding co-operation of Mr Byatt, decided that competition would solve all problems of high water prices. Without a water grid, meaningful competition for South West can come only from Wessex or, just possibly, from Severn Trent or Wales's Hyder.

A merger would rule out the competition that is supposed to solve the problem. In practice, this is all rot. A Wessex takeover will do far more for South West customers than competition is ever likely to. But it would take

all the subtleties of Mr Byatt's Whitehall-oiled brain to make the right answer plausible, let alone politically correct.

Absolutely stratospheric

☐ AS befits a store where everything seems to cost about four times what it should, Harvey Nichols has come to the market with a vastly inflated price tag. The indicated price range in yesterday's pathfinder prospectus suggests a flotation on a past

earnings multiple as high as 26.
This is quite simply stratospheric, a good 40 per cent ahead
of the retail sector average. The company's pleas that this merely reflects the quality of the business are somewhat weakened by the comparisons it provides. Enjoying a similar rating, says Harvey Nicks, are House of Fraser and Liberty. The first is a retail disappointment, its shares propped up by hopes of a bid. The second lost its chief executive this week after a profits collapse. Let us therefore, as is this

column's habit when looking at a

opens in Leeds later this year but is as yet an untried product. Even more so is the restaurant being built in the Oxo Tower on London's South Bank some miles from Knightsbridge, costing £3.5 million. Restaurants, even more than fashion retailers, are dicey investments.

Shares like this, heavily tied to a single brand name, are notoriously hard to value. The present management has made an extraordinary success of turning round an ailing business. Whether they deserve so rich a reward at the end of that process is another matter.

new flotation, consider what can

go wrong. Harvey Nicks is a one property business, all the profits

coming from that emporium in Knightsbridge so heavily advertised in Absolutely Fabulous.

A new store, costing £9.5 million,

Pizza the action

☐ THE AWARD for making the most political capital out of "mad cow" disease, until now held by Harriet Harman, is hereby awarded to the pizza company whose press release gushes about a "sudden sales boost" over the past fortnight. The scare has converted a hitherto unidentified slice of the population who had never seen a pizza, let alone tasted one, it says here. Nice try - but no name check.

McAlpine optimistic after loss

By Alasdair Murray

ALFRED MCALPINE, the construction company, yesterday sounded an optimistic note about the troubled building market, despite revealing a full-year loss of £23.5 million.

McAlpine shares rose 4p to close at 178p after the company said it was maintaining the total dividend at 7p as an expression of confidence.

McAlpine singled out £300 million of new business won under the Private Finance Initiative and said that it was optimistic of winning more contracts through the year. It added that prospects were also rapidly improving in the leisure and healthcare sectors. Its newly created special projects division has already won a rebuilding programme at Blackpool Football Club.

Oliver Whitehead, chief executive, said: The future of PFI work looks encouraging. Affordability in the housing market is not yet matched by consumer confidence but we believe there will be a modest improvement during 1996.

McAlpine blamed the losses on exceptional charges of £27.4 million relating to re-

Nor Systems

first to go

at Norcros

By Sarah Cunningham

cess of disposing of its print and packaging division with the sale of Nor Systems to

Japan's Sato Corporation for

£21.5 million. The company

also announced a reorgan-

isation of the board and the

appointment of a new chief

The managing director of

the paper and packaging divi-sion. Robert Alcock, will be

leaving the group in the near

future. The group's executive chairman, Michael Doherty.

will become non-executive

chairman, and Joe Matthews,

managing director of the ce-

ramics division, will become

Norcros said that the dis-

posal of Nor Systems will

yield an exceptional gain of

around £16.5 million, which

will appear in the 1996-97

accounts and which the group

will use to help to pay off net

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BET payout doubts

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

group chief executive.

NORCROS, the industrial conglomerate, began the pro-

structuring and a £7.3 million loss on the closure of the open tender building division. Pretax profits for continuing activities, excluding exceptionals, rose 4.5 per cent to £11.2 million. Turnover fell 18 per cent to £757.3 million compared with the 14 months

to the end of December 1994. Profits in the house building division fell 36 per cent to Ell 5 million as the operating margin crumbled from 9.6 per cent to 7 per cent. Completions fell 10 per cent to 1,645.

The civil engineering division also suffered an 88 per cent profit fall to £200,000 as competition remained intense and margins collapsed. McAlpine said the division quarter and it now held a £160 million forward order book.

building division. which has now been shut down, made a loss of £6.8 million. But the US division doubled profits to £3.4 million, while profits in the slate business were flat at £1.4 million. A final dividend of 4p (4p) is payable on May 31.

AT&T sets

\$3bn record

with spin-off

demerged yesterday, to become an independent com-

pany called Lucent, in the

largest US share offering to

date. Its shares immediately

jumped more than 15 per cent.

expected to capitalise on the

growth in cellular telephones

and other wireless communication devices. Lucent shares

were up \$5 to \$32 shortly after

trading began on the New

The 112 million Lucent

shares offered to the public

were initially priced at \$27,

making the overall stock of-

fering worth \$3.02 billion.

That surpasses the \$2.1 billion

offering of Allstate in 1993.

AT&T still owns 83 per cent of

Lucent's overall 635.6 million

shares. It will divide these

among AT&T shareholders

later this year. AT&T shares were up 25 cents to \$64.37 \(\frac{1}{2} \).

investor interest has been high in the company that is

From A Correspondent in new york AT&T's telephone equipment

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Peps fund a firm end to the tax year for shares

day of the tax year on a high note as funds from private investors' personal plans began to filter back into

Shrugging off an early fall on Wall Street, the FT-SE 100 Index closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 30.5 points at 3,755.6. Turnover grew to 859 million shares, boistered partly by a E300 million worldwide buy program believed to have Goldman Sachs, the US securities house.

Professional investors were taking a more cautious approach before the US nonfarm payroll figures which are published today despite the fact that New York's financial markets are closed. Last month's non-farm payroll numbers prompted a plunge of 177 points in the Dow Jones industrial average and scuppered any hopes of fur-ther cuts in US interest rates.

Business in London continued to be supported by specu-Pearson. lative interest. publisher of the Financial Times, rose 20p to 721p amid renewed talk of a break-up bid. On Wednesday, Cazenove, the company's broker. reiterated its buy stance on the

There was no sign of the expected announcement from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if the two power bids for regional electricity companies could proceed. PowerGen, up 6½ p at 549½p. and National Power, 5p better at 492p, were both marked higher in anticipation of news that both companies had been given the go-ahead to bid for Southern Electric, 2p dearer at 875p. and Midlands Electricity, lp cheaper at 388p.

The market view is that both bids will be allowed after several succesful bids for regional electricity companies by US utilities.

There was speculative buying of those Rec's that retain their independence, with East Midlands Electricity jumping llp to 615p, London Electricity 20p to 793p and Yorkshire Electricity 15p to 857p. Speculators say we can expect further bids from across the

pond. Specualtive buying also hoisted Rexam the old Bowater paper group. It was one of the best performers of the day among leading shares with a jump of 18p to 403p as



Oliver Whitehead, left, and Gavin Morris of McAlpine

almost 5 million shares changed hands. Dealers say the group is vulnerable to a bid, having seen its shares tumble from last year's high of 517p in the wake of one profits warning. Whispers around the market-place again suggest a bid from Alusuisse, the Swiss industrial giant.

BTR put in another late

wanted attention of Rentokil. spurt on revived US buying to TLG, the former lighting arm of Thorn EMI, rose 3p to 145p supported by evidence of the management expressing confidence for the future. Malcolm Robertson, finance director, has paid

£42,300 to top up his personal holding with an extra 30,000 shares

at 141p. By the close, a total of 422,990 shares had been traded.

touch 3242 p before settling 2p better at 322p. Turnover reached almost 5 million shares. Brokers in London say the buying coincides with the start of trading each afternoon on Wall Street. Word is that another disposal may be about to be announced.

Avocet Mining struggled to make headway in first-time trading after a placing at 240p a share. The shares opened at

The group now says that debt has dropped from Ell4 million to under £60 million. It spent a total of £65 million on acquisitions and £39 million on dividends. Earlier this week, BET conjured up a further £4 million of profits to add to its previous profit forecast. It is now forecasting £146 million. This is in addition to a 20 per cent hike predicted for the dividend in the year just ended

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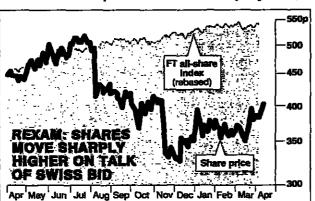
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BET continues to paint a

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and a near-30 per cent rise in the current year.

But City speculators main-tain that Rentokil has the edge and will only have to make a to win the day. Rentokil rose 62p to a new all-time high of 368'2p valuing the terms at 204 p. BET shares finished

14p firmer at 207p. Newcomer. Clubhaus, which owns and operates golf courses across Europe, firmed ¹4p to 6³4p. By the close of business almost 30 million shares had been traded.

Norcros, the building products group, firmed lp to 86p after announcing plans to sell its Nor Systems labelling business to Sato, the Japanese group, for £21.4 million. Norcros is also in the process of selling off its printing business and reloctaing its headquarters.

Shares of Alfred McAlpine the construction group where Oliver Whitehead is chief executive, firmed 4p to 178p despite plunging into the red last year. The group reported a small increase in pre-tax profits to £11.2 million up from £10.7 million in 1994, but that was wiped out by restructuring charges of almost £26 million. This related to the closure of its open-tender building business. Brokers said prospects for the current year were looking brighter.

The news from McAlpine follows better than expected trading news from Taylor Woodrow, lp lighter at 154p, and John Laing 'A'. 2p better at 300p, earlier this week. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices were squeezed higher in late trading, having spent much of the day moving in narrow limits. The late gains were prompted by institutional investors squaring their positions before the tax year-end. But there appeared to be no rush to open fresh positions before publication of the US non-farm payroll numbers. In the futures pit, the June

series of the long gilt finished E932 better at £1052732 in thin conditions that saw the number of contracts completed slump to just 14,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

at the shorter end of the market Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed a couple of ticks to EIO24 before ending unchanged. □ NEW YORK: At midday

the Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.72 at 5,689.02.

MAJOR INDICES
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No peace at the pumps

MOTORISTS who grumble about paying an extra 2p a litre for petrol this morning can console themselves, knowing that retailers will gain little from higher prices. The war between the oil companies and the food retailers is far from over and increases from Esso and BP are no more than a reaction to movements on the Rotterdam spot market. A 2p rise in spot gasoline threatened to erode the already thin gross margins of petrol retailers, who responded with an upward adjustment.

Petrol retailing is in the throes of a big upheaval. This week's minor correction is unlikely to spell relief for the grocers. notwithstanding recent share price rallies. Petrol is big business for Tesco, accounting for 12 per cent of its sales and up to £60 million of profit. But aggressive discounting from Esso and others has cut gross margins in half and

Tesco could earn only £12 million from fuel this year.

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For the oil majors, superstores are not the principal target. Food retailers have an insuperable advantage over stand-alone petrol stations, the former enjoying cheaper land and overheads from sharing a large superstore site. The price war is a bigger threat to smaller players such as Elf or independents like Frost Group, which Esso and BP would dearly love to drive off the pavement. If the majors could force a reduction in capacity, it might open the door to deals with food retailers. To secure long-term petrol supplies, the grocers could forge alliances with oil companies and share retailing sites. But that is a long way off. Gasoline is in abundant supply and the fight for customers will continue to damage retailing profits.

A. McAlpine

AFTER a year spent collec-tively gnashing their teeth, the building companies have suddenly decided that the construction market is not as gloomy as they led the City and Government to believe.

Alfred McAlpine is the latest company to report fairly dismal results alongside an upbeat message about the coming year. McAlpine's losses relate to the overcrowded and lowmargin general construction sector. The figures vindicate its decision to pull out of the sector, as do cautiously optimistic comments about an improving housing sector. A modest upturn would enable the company to quickly restore 9 per cent margins.

McAlpine also provided solid evidence, in the form of £300 million worth of new contracts, that it can win PFI steady trickle of new con-tracts should dispel fears that McAlpine's reluctance to risk its balance sheet would leave all the PFI work to larger rivals, such as McAlpine was prepared yesterday to put its money

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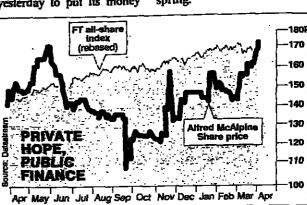
tion. The profitability of PFI

remains unproven, but a

the basis of a brighter future. Recovery is not likely to be spectacular this year, but the company should return to profitability. Much leaner but fitter, McAlpine has made it through a harsh winter and its share price should recover slowly in the spring.

where its mouth is, holding

the total dividend at 7p on



ONLY a month into trials of the Network Code and rows and recriminations have erupted between TransCo and the shippers over the management of the market. A sudden surge in demand last month left TransCo scrambling to plug gaps in the system, only to discover in the early hours of the morning that shippers had failed to put bids into the newly created flexibility market. Forced to take the most expensive option, TransCo bought liquefied natural gas at 148p per therm (compared with the spot price of about 10p) from its sister company.

The shippers now retort that TransCo has failed to much gas has been taken from the system by the customers of each shipper. Without this data, shippers do not know whether they are "long" pipelines. Therefore, they can-

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British Gas Trading.

not participate in the flexibili-ty market and help balance the system; and worse still, will lose money when long or short positions are reconciled after such long delays.

Teething problems explain part of the row, but accusations of gaming by some parties reveal a more fundamental problem. Creating a market for a commodity that is in continuous flow from supplier to consumer is an artificial exercise. Hence the prohibition on using the flexibility market, designed to balance the system, for speculative dealing. However, it has proven to

be, like all markets, prone to volatility and an opportunity to make a fast buck. British Gas Trading reckons the other shippers failed to realise this, but last month it quietly agreed to forgo most of its profits in order to keep the peace. Next week, the gas shippers will be confirming their new customers in the South West, and more rows

ing. TransCo needs to improve its data gathering quickly or there will be trouble.

Norcros

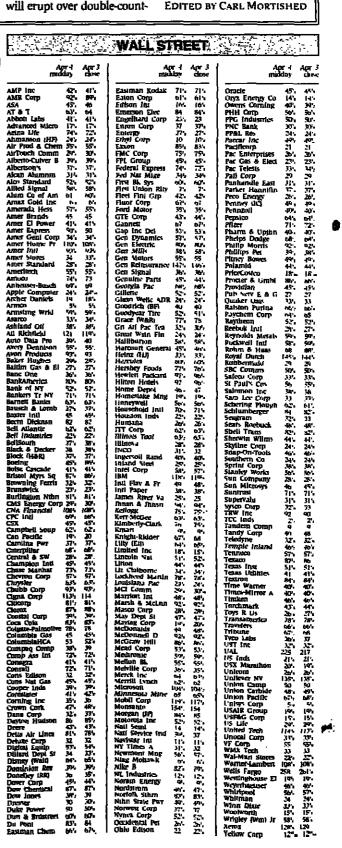
NORCROS is making slow progress selling its print and packaging arm. which was put on the market last Autumn as the final stage in the slimming of the conglomerate into a building materials group. Last year, there were high hopes that paper and packaging would fetch £120 million. leaving Norcros debt-free and with enough spare cash to fund a cash

payout of 5p per share. Concerns about the performance of the division and a £5 million charge aimed at improving profitability at businesses is unlikely to help the disposal programme. It also raises doubts about the value of any future cash dividend.

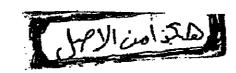
				
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SIR Denis Thatcher's

daughter has at last

brought her father's busi-

ness acumen to light. As well as being chairman of

the Atlas Preservative Company, later sold to Castrol Oil for £530,000.

Sir Denis was also a rather

lanky referee and a ruth-

less treasurer of the London Society of Rugby

Appointed by union president Cyril Gadney in

956. Sir Denis immediate-

ly set about reorganising

the accounts and adminis-

tration. The balance was

about £150 when he took

over, and a huge £3,500

when he relinquished the

post 12 years later. "It was a labour of love," Carol

Thatcher writes in her new

book called Below the

Thatcher: rugby fan

WHILE anybody sane is enjoying the Bank Holi-day, Norwich-based Vir-

gin Direct is welcoming

with open arms last-min-

ate investors who have un-

til midnight to apply for a

Pep. Last year, a local

investor drove 50 miles to

deliver his completed Pep

application, and another

splashed out on a courier

HARVEY NICHOLS, the

Sloane's favourite fashion

supplier, was stylishly laid

back at its flotation presen-

tation yesterday. Because

of a glitch at the printers.

the prospectus never made

the morning appointment

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pacify those present, a

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Harvey Nichols magazine. Super pics, but a bit short

on price-carnings ratios.

dividend yields, and trad-

ing prospects.

Shame

from Cornwall.

Harvey glitch

Football Union Referees.

Carol blows

the whistle

CITY dealers were laying eggs yesterday after news that they would have to work on Good Friday. More than 100 dealers have been summoned, rather reluctantly, to cover London bond, equity and currency desks, in case the American markets react today to the March US employment figures. February's figures brought the Dow down 120 points late on a Friday evening.

Rush job

ARBUTHNOT LATHAM may well be one of the oldest London private banks, but its idea of "personalised service" seems somewhat askew. When the bank opened a regional branch in Exeter last week, it was taken aback by the level of local interest and had to call in two City account managers to meet the rush. Colin Richmond-Watson was grabbed off the plane after

a skiing holiday, and David Heath was forced to part from his wife who is expecting their first child.

Web wonders

SURFERS on the Internet have until the end of this month to track President Clinton's whereabouts in the East. Courtesy of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, there is a page on the Internet recording Bill and Hillary's every step on their state visit to Japan between Aprīl 16-18.

MORAG PRESTON



Sailing into the sunset operating profits of P&O ferries slumped by a third to £74.8 million last year and rationalisation is seen as inevitable

All at sea over the choppy cross-Channel economics

northern shores of France this weekend than almost any time since the Normandy landings. By the end of today, 20,000 chicles and their drivers and passengers, plus cyclists, day rippers and rail travellers will have crossed the Channel in a middle class invasion that will have begun before dawn.

Over the course of the fourday Easter break. 200,000 people are expected to cross over or under the Channel to or from the hotels, auberges and gites of this country's

nearest neighbour. The cross-Channel market is one of the business phenomena of the 1990s. Few industries could swallow an overnight 50 per cent increase in capacity - as happened with the opening of the Channel Tunnel - without a catastrophic collapse of profit margins or huge rationalisation.

And yet the four main players - P&O European Ferries, Stena, Sea France and Eurotunnel continue to defy financial gravity. For now, at

All four are feeling the pressure though. Each would like one of the opposition to disappear. But while the market continues to grow, none is prepared to blink first. Why get out now when to do so only ensures survival and fat prof-

its for those left behind? Last year, the first full 12month period since Eurotunnel opened its doors to custom, cross-Channel passenger traffic grew 25 per cent. That was enough to take up much of the capacity slack and encourage the ferry operators to invest in new, bigger and

faster ships. The economics of the madhouse, surely? But no. a further 14 per cent increase in the market has followed in the first quarter of 1996, despite the best efforts of the French Government's franc fort policy to deter foreign visitors. Last weekend, the start of the Easter school holiday period, once again saw all previous

Jonathan Prynn says the arrival of the tunnel has made ferry operators feel distinctly queasy

smashed. Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle carried a record 8,000 cars and coaches on Saturday March 30, easily beating the peak of last summer. Over the Friday to Sunday period. more than 23,000 tourist vehicles passed through the Channel Tunnel.

It was a good weekend, too. for the ferry operators. They needed it after a winter season rough in all respects. Consistently poor weather meant higher than usual levels of cancelled sailings, providing perfect free marketing for the tunnel. The strong franc and the abolition of visitors' passports were also blamed for patchy winter bookings on the ferries.

But, as ever, it will be the summer season that determines the future of the industry. Another bonanza, as seems likely, and the long expected rationalisation will be postponed for at least another year.

But if enthusiasm for crossing the Channel starts to fizzle out, anything could happen. Among the more probable options. Eurotunnel could be put into liquidation by its longsuffering banks. That would not close the tunnel, but a significant write-off of debt and a restructuring of the company's finances to put them on a secure footing could give Eurotunnel's new management a far freer hand to fight a long price war.

pulling out. That leaves P&O European Ferries, still the

second biggest player with

about 30 per cent of the passenger market and 25

sailings a day. Lord Sterling,

the P&O Group chairman,

announced last month that the

ferry division's operating prof-

its had slumped by a third to

He added: "I think it is

inevitable that there will be

some rationalisation of the

various ferry operations be-

tween the UK and the Conti-

nent over the next year or two.

P&O will play a pro-active

other by an anti-cartel under-

taking given to the Govern-ment in the 1970s by

Townsend Thoresen, the com-pany that became P&O Euro-

pean Ferries, and by Sealink.

which was taken over by

Stena. Lord Sterling has called

for the undertakings to be

removed to pave the way for

the mergers, pooling agree-

ments or withdrawal of vessels

that he believes are necessary

on the route. It is still difficult

to see quite how that process will be triggered, even without

the constraint of the undertak-

continuing to grow fast

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very profitable service and

there to play for," he says.

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ferry to operate on the Dover-

precipitate action.

Graham Dunlop, the head

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from talking to each

£74.8 million last year.

It is also conceivable that one of the ferry operators could fail or withdraw, although it is difficult to see which. All are owned by organisations with seriously deep pockets that appear to be playing the long game. Stena, owner of the old

Sealink business, is owned by a Swedish multinational group that has invested tens of millions of pounds in modernising its cross-Channel fleet of five vessels.

Its former partner, the French state owned Snat. broke away last year to set up its own operation under the Sea France brand name.

With the backing of the French Government behind it, Sea France can take its time building up its business, and is unlikely to be driven out of the market by short-term

Hoverspeed and Sea Car also each have their well established slices of the market and show few signs of



The Channel Tunnel is now operating at record levels

Calais route. That is hardly the action of an operator that has been brought to its knees by the competition.

Stena, which also has 25 sailings a day. has already launched the first salvo in what may prove the most savage price war yet. Bookings made before March 31 on some of its summer night-time crossings have been discounted by 40 per cent, allowing a car and up to eight passengers to sail for as little as £129.

A second front in the orice war has been opened up in the cross-Channel duty-free shops. Eurotunnel is now offering 66 per cent off high brands. Stena has retaliated with a range of keenly priced duty-free offers. Only P&O has remained loftily above the fray, insisting that it does not need the help of cut-price artificial stimulants to tempt passengers on to its ships.

If the trend continues, with prices, yields and profits continuing to be driven down, all the main players will feel the pain. There is no doubt it will be a competitive season. There will be plenty of bargains to be had by flexible travellers. Yet all the signs point towards another year of stalemate, in which the main players will allow continued growth in the market to stave off the shakeup they all crave. It could be a long game of brinkmanship.

When PR is more than an exercise

Janet Bush on the Government's total mishandling of the British beef crisis

The public relations industry has looked on with dismay at the Government's handling of the beef crisis. Not only have ministers failed to call on the professionals for help they appear to have broken every rule in the book. Experts have plenty of examples to illustrate the right way to handle a case of risk to the public health ... and

the wrong way. Perrier is remembered as a series of public relations mis-steps. Perrier's crisis came in the 1980s with the discovery of benzine in its bottled mineral water. The company dithered for three days before being virtually forced into recalling its fizzy water by the Food and Drug Administration in America

To make matters worse when the company relaunched Perrier, it put on sale 750ml bottles for the price of its previous I litre bottle. Michael Regester of Regester Larkin, a PR firm specialising in crisis management, said: "Perrier was effectively trying to get the

punter to pay for its own corporate mistake and it never recovered its market share." About a year later, Perrier was taken over by Nestle. The

brand was preserved but the company itself did not survive. A little footnote to the whole affair is that it was Yorkshire Water which flushed away the unwanted bottles of Perrier through its sewage treatment plants.

A shining example of how to handle public relations was in America. Some Tylenol pain-relieving tablets had been laced with cyanide. Seven people died. Johnson and Johnson, the Pharmaceutical company, immediately withdrew Tylenol from shelves across the nation despite the fact that the poisoning was done by one individual in one area of the country and that the bulk of

the product was sale. At the time, the FDA was clamouring for tamperproof packaging. Far from hurrying to get its product back on the shelves, Johnson and Johnson waited until it had perfected new tamper-proof bottles and then relaunched to tumultuous applause. The nation's leading newspapers hailed the company as a symbol of how corporate America market share returned to its previous level and then ex-

The lesson of these cases is that the company - or Government - should take the financial hit early, be honest and put the customer first to maintain a sense of trust. Most fundamental of all is the need to have put in place first-class contingency plans, Rosemary Brook, president of the Institute of Public Relations, said: "Think through the worst that can happen and then plan for it in terms of operations and communications.

Ms Brook believes that the BSE case is quite different - and much more tortuous to deal with - than other health scares because there are no easy ways to work out the exact level of risk so that the public can make informed choices. However, she believes that the British Government has fallen down badly in its handling of the

beings.

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mooted for a decade or so, the Government should have planned for the moment when the scientists came up with evidence, even partial.

As it was, it seems that the

Government got the latest evidence from the scientists and appointed Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agency, to run a campaign extolling the safety of heef. The plans were leaked. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Minister, was bounced into announcing the new evidence to Parliament the very next day and the Government has been on the back

there is no substitute, when such scares crupt in the private sector, for a good corporate reputation for quality and trustworthiness. In this case, we had a government in the middle of a political maelstrom and not the highest reputation on which to draw when trouble came." she said.

Ms Brook believes that

BUSINESS LETTERS

Devaluation is the price we have paid for jobs record

From Denis MacShane MP. Sir, Amongst all the reasons to be given at the Lille G7 summit on employment for Britain doing better than France and Germany in the past three years, surely the most compelling is devaluation (A lesson from Britain in cutting unemployment", March 29).

The British pound has lost between 20 and 25 per cent of its value compared with the strong European currencies

Impact of BSE

on the economy

From M. C. Fitzpatrick
Sir, Your Analysis page fea-ture (March 26) indicated that

UK economic growth in 1996

could be cut by 1 per cent

purely as a result of reduced

demand for British beef. This

growth reduction is not in-

tended to include any fallout

from possible enforced

slaughtering. UK GDP in 1996 will be approximately

£750 billion, according to

Treasury figures; you are

therefore implying that re-duced demand for British beef

since the end of 1992. The trebling since 1991 of taxpay-ers' subsidies (now running at £3 billion and projected to rise to £10 billion early in the next century) to support low-pay jobs via the benefits system has also helped employment but only on the economically distorting basis of a government subsidy to firms able to undercut their fair-pay competitors by paying wages of £2

an hour or less. I suppose the Germans and

French could follow the UK's example and devalue their currencies by 25 per cent and reduce the purchasing power of their populations by wage reductions, switching from full-time to part-time and temporary work, or by using taxpayers' money to subsidise low-pay firms, but what would this do to demand for British exports to Europe? Yours sincerely.

DENIS MacSHANE. House of Commons, SW1.

scenario, and assumes abso-

lutely zero demand for British-

produced beef - either here or

By all means let us be con-

cerned about the impact of re-

duced beef production on the

economy, but let us try to keep

published estimates within a

realistic range so as to enable rational decisions to be made.

Yours faithfully,

M. C. FTTZPATRICK

Chartered Accountants),

Russell Square House,

10-12 Russell Square, WCl.

Chantrey Vellacott

the figure of lost output for would reduce GDP by around £1.5 billion, or a fifth of 1 per 1996 is unlikely to be more than one quarter of this. cent. It is worth noting that According to the Meat and this really is a worst-case

Livestock Commission, the "farm gate" value of UK produced beef sold each year is about £2 billion, with around one-third going for export and the other twothirds going for home con-sumption. In a worst-case scenario, assuming no de-mand at all for UK-produced beef, this output would dry up completely: exports would be reduced by some £650 million and beef imports (of meat on or off the hoof) might rise by some £1.35 billion per annum. might cost around £7.5 billion. In terms of the remaining in terms of lost output. In fact, three-quarters of 1996, this

keep standards From Stuart Cliffe

Surveyors must

Sir, In "Chartered surveyors come under pressure from banks" (Business letters, March 29) Mr Ian V Oddy comments on the possibility that surveyors are under pressure to increase mortgage valuations on domestic property.
The implication that some

institutions are interfering with professional property valuations on any scale is frightening, and surveyors will do well to avoid the potential professional liability trap which may follow.

Purchasers as well as lenders may be disappointed if valuations are low, but purchasers have no protection other than responsible professional representation. Surveyors should not lower

their standards for any supcommmercial posed advantage Yours faithfully, STUART CLIFFE. Chief Executive, National Association of Bank Customers, Llantony Secunda Manor. Church Road. Caldicot.



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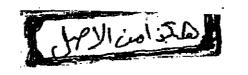
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GEC wins **Support for sonar** merger

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITAIN and France yesterday gave their blessing to a merger of the sonar interests of the General Electric Company and Groupe Thomson to create the world's largest maker of underwater monitoring equipment.

In submissions to the European Commission, they asked for the link-up to be exempted from competition controls because the deal concerns issues of national security. The request was made under Article 223 of the Treaty of Rome, the foundation document for the European Union.

Support from the two Goverruments reflects the accelerating pace of consolidation in the European defence industry. After years of unashamedpromoting its national champions at deepening cost to the French taxpayer, the Government of Jacques Chirac has this year accepted the need to create cross-border companies to match the economies of scale enjoyed by rivals in the United States.

Although the EU has powers to examine non-military aspects of the deal, as it did when GEC acquired VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness submarine builder, in 1994, the two companies are dominated by their military interests.

Discussions about deepening the sonar alliance between the biggest defence electronics groups in Britain and France were interrupted by the abrupt departure of Alain Gomez, the chairman of Thomson-CSF, the military arm of Thomson, in February. The French Government rode roughshod over M Gomez's plans for a full merger

between Thomson-CSF and

GEC-Marconi, the military

arm of Groupe Thomson. It

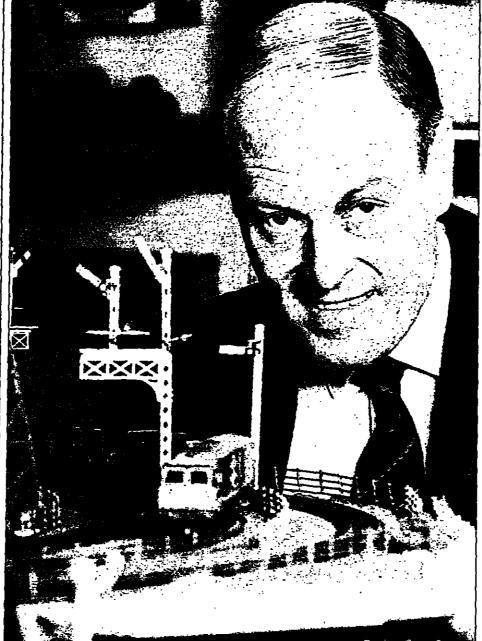
decided instead to merge Thomson-CSF with its consumer electronics sister company. Thomson Multimedia. privatise them jointly later this year.

Under arrangements confirmed yesterday, the partners will form a company based in The Netherlands called Thomson Marconi Sonar, which will be owned 50.1 per cent by Thomson and 49.9 per cent by GEC. Thomson Marconi Sonar will have annual revenues of Fr2.7 billion (£360 million) and some 3,500 employees. The business will be the world leader in the manufacture of sound-monitoring systems for warships, submarines, aircraft

and minesweepers.
The core of the new business will be Ferranti-Thomson Sonar Systems, an existing joint venture in Stockport, Cheshire. This will be controlled by the new Dutch holding company, together with GEC's independently owned sonar business. GEC-Marconi Sonar Systems, based at Templecombe in Devon and Rochester, Kent, which will be renamed Thomson Marconi Sonar. The two businesses will be run in tandem.

In Australia, Thomson Sintra Pacific will be merged with the sonar business of GEC-Marconi Systems, reporting to Holland. Thomson, mean-while, will inject its Thomson Sintra Activités Sonar business at Brest, renamed Thomson Marconi Sonar, into the Dutch

holding company. The venture marks a growing rapprochement between the two companies, which are also allied to develop a common replacement radar for the French Rafale fighter aircraft and the Eurolighter plane being developed by Britain. Germany, Italy and Spain.



Hornby Group has yet to settle with Keith Ness, former chief executive, ousted last year

Hornby signals a £4m loss

By MARTIN BARROW

HORNBY GROUP, the toy and model railway company, revealed that it has yet to settle with Keith Ness, ousted as chief executive last October.

Mr Ness, whose basic salary was £113.000 in 1994, was on a three-year contract and is believed to be claiming his full entitlement of about E339,000. But yesterday the company said it sought to agree a settlement with Mr Ness "at a lower figure". In 1994 Mr Ness waived

£150,000 of a bonus and in

1993 he received a £100,000 bonus but waived £50,000. Yesterday the company. which is changing its finan-cial year-end, disclosed a pretax loss of £4.3 million in

a £611,000 profit in 1994. The deficit, which followed a warning earlier this year that its performance would be below market expectations, was due in part to redundancy costs and to writing off an investment in an American

second interim figures for the

year to December 31, against

toymaker. The sale of the lossmaking Fletcher sports boats companies for £315.000 resulted in a £4.06 million write-off. Peter Newey, chairman,

said turnover rose 7 per cent to £33.6 million (£31.3 million), while operating profits on continuing operations rose 52 per cent to £1.61 million. Earnings per share, excluding exceptionals, were 5.95p (9.45p). A dividend statement will not be made until results for 15 months to March 31 are

Reckitt sells US firms for \$123m

By MARTIN BARROW

RECKITT & COLMAN, the UK consumer products com-pany, has raised \$123 million through the sale of the personal products division of its American subsidiary.
The buyer is JW Childs

Associates, an investment management firm based in Massachusetts. An initial consideration of \$108 million in cash is due on completion. The balance is covered by a subordinated loan note payable in seven and a half years.

The sale includes brands such as Ogilvie Home Permanents. Chubs baby wipes, Wet Ones moist towelettes and Diaperene baby care prod-ucts, which are mainly sold in

In 1995 the division earned trading profits of \$10 million on turnover of \$110 million. Net tangible assets were \$30 million at December 30. Reck-in & Colman will use the proceeds to reduce borrowings.

The company's plan to sell the personal products division was announced last year and follows a decision to focus resources on core household product categories

Approval for new oilfield in North Sea

PLANS for the development of a new oilfield in the central North Sea have received approval from the Department of Trade and Industry. Amerada Hess and its coventurers will develop the Durward field which has estimated recoverable reserves of 50 million barrels of oil.

First oil is expected to flow early next year, reaching peak production of 38,000 barrels of oil per day shortly after. Francis Gugen, Amerada Hess managing director, said: "This puts Durward on course to be our fastest stand alone development yet with a planned time from discovery to first oil of under three and a half years." The main coventurers in the project are Amerada Hess. Santa Fe Exploration, and DSM Energy.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Second Euro Disney conference centre

EURO DISNEY has begun the construction of a second conference centre, costing Fr150 million, designed to offset periods of low hotel occupancy at the theme park outside Paris. Gilles Pelisson, managing director, said conferences currently generated hotel occupancy of between 5 per cent and 10 per cent of the annual total. More than 1,100 conferences were staged in Disneyland Paris in 1995.

Occupancy of the resort's seven hotels is a key factor in the Disneyland site and accounted for sales of Frl.8 billion of the company's total 1995 turnover of Fr4.7 billion. The new centre is expected to generate 35,000 extra hotel nights and Fr50 million in sales in its first year, rising to 50,000 hotel nights and Fr90 million when it is fully operational.

Butterkist for Trebor

TREBOR BASSETT, a subsidiary of Cadbury Schweppes, is to buy the UK confectionery and popcorn business of Portfolio Foods, which trades as Craven Keiller for an undisclosed sum. Craven Keiller is a sugar confectionery and popcorn business that manufactures and sells branded and private label toffees, boiled sweets, popcorn and chocolate confectionery. Key brands include Keiller, Barker and Dobson, Craven and Butterkist, It has two manufacturing sites and employs about 700 people. Sales in the financial year 1994-95 were £42 million and net assets at March 31 were £12 million.

Friendly Hotels loss

FRIENDLY HOTELS reported a full-year loss of £6.25 million. down from a 1994 profit of £3.65 million, but is optimistic about prospects after signing an EII million partnership with Choice Hotels, of America, Friendly blamed its loss on a E9.6 million charge to cover selling its office servicing division. Turnover rose by 8 per cent, to £42 million. The total dividend remains 5.7p, with an unchanged 3.5p final due on August 16. Friendly, under the partnership, is to split the roles of chairman and chief executive and have two non-executive directors from Choice.

Norwich custody deal

NORWICH UNION has become the latest financial institution to ask a third party to take over custody services, appointing Bank of New York as custodian for its £11 billion UK portfolio. A growing number of banks and financial services companies are using third parties as they find they are unable to achieve economies of scale themselves. The Prudential awarded the UK's biggest ever custody contract in January when it asked Midland Bank and Mellon Bank of the US to take over custodian services for a £45 billion portfolio.

Division shares rise

SHARES in Division Group rose 7p to 74p after the company unveiled a distribution agreement with America's EDS, the information services provider, which is to sell Division's virtual reality software in North America, Europe and the Far East. Charles Grimsdale, managing director of Division. said: This will give us access to a major new tier of clients worldwide." Elly Marsh, head of EDS' Virtual Reality Centre in Belgium, said: "Virtual Reality is becoming an essential part of the services offering to our Fortune 500 client base."

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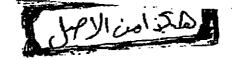
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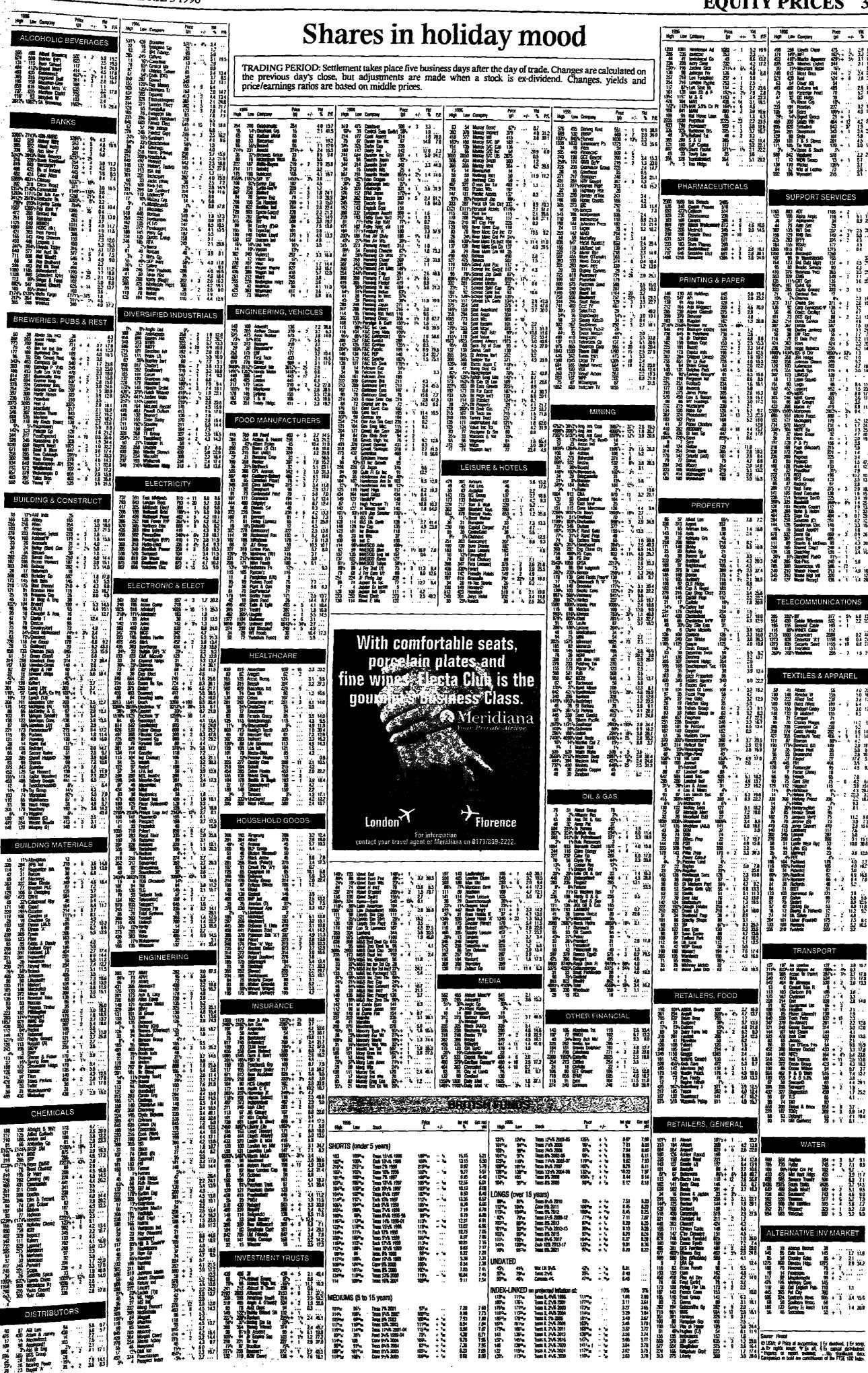
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Company's assignment for legal aid valid

Circuit Systems Ltd (in liqui-dation) and Another v Zuken-Redac (UK) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Thorpe [Judgment March 29]

An assignment by a company to its majority shareholder of the right to prosecute an action in the name of the company was not invalid on the ground that its purpose was to enable the assignee to obtain legal aid and avoid security for costs.

However, the Legal Aid Board should carefully consider whether

to fund such contrived litigation. The Court of Appeal so held in a nt allowing in part an appeal by the plaintiffs. Circuit Systems Ltd, a company in liquidation, and Mr William Basten, against the decision of Judge Richard Havery, QC, sining as an Official Referee on November ltt. 1994, that the assignment of right of action against the defendants, Zuken-Redac (UK) Ltd. by the company to Mr Basten to enable the claim to be prosecuted with the benefit of legal aid and to avoid security for costs was

contrary to public policy and void. Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Graham Shipley for the plain-tiffs; Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr Michael Kent for the defendants.

JUSTICE LORD STAUGHTON said that Mr Basten held 98 per cent of the shares in Circuit Systems Ltd and his wife held two per cent. The company had acquired a computer system from the defendants which. was said, was fundamentally defective and had had a catas trophic effect on the company's

The company started an action against the defendants and was ordered to provide £10,000 security for costs. When neither the company nor Mr Basten could coninue to support the litigation. Misuse of experimental order

UK Waste Management Ltd

v West Lancashire District

St Helens Metropolitan Bor-

It was unlawful to use the power

under section 9 of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984 to make an

order "for the purpose of carrying

our an experimental scheme of

traffic control" if the only purpose was to ban heavy goods vehicles

Mr Justice Carnwath so held

sitting in the Queen's Bench Di-

vision when granting two originat-

ing motions by the applicants, UK

Waste Management Ltd and St

Helens Metropolitan Borough

Council to quash the West Lan-

cashire District Council (Crawford

Mr John Steel, QC and Mr Clive

Lewis for UK Waste Management:

Mr Vincent Fraser for St Helens;

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH

said that the Holiday Moss landfill site was owned and operated by

companies in the UK Waste

Management group. The site lay

Regina v Gaming Licensing Committee. Ex parte Gala

A gaming licensing committee was

entitled to hear an application for a

bingo hall licence under Schedule 2 of the Garning Act 1968 even though the premises to which it

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the

Queen's Bench Division on March 13 when allowing an application by Gala Leisure Ltd for judicial

review of the refusal on October 3.

1995 of Hitchin Gaming Licensing

Justices to hear an application for a

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ADDRESS:

related had not yet been built.

Leisure Ltd

Weight Restriction) Order 1996.

Mr Alan Evans for

ough Council v Same

Judgment March 19

from a road.

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

Council

by the company to Mr Basten. It recited that the company was in liquidation and provided as

"In consideration of the payment by Basten to the company of the sum of £1... the company hereby assigns to Basten the following: the full benefit and burden of the agreements; and the causes of ction including those the subject of the action and the right to prosecute the same; and the right to prosecute the action in the name of the company; and the right to the proceeds; to hold the same unto Basten absolutely. Basten shall pay to the company in consideration of this assignment the company's share of the proceeds [40] per cent of costs and

Mr Basten was then joined as second plaintiff in the action and he obtained legal aid to prosecute

The judge had found that the purpose of the assignment was to enable Mr Basten to pursue the company's claims for the benefit of creditors of the company and for his own benefit as principal shareholder, by tapping into the Legal Aid Fund and possibly by avoiding any personal obligation to furnish security for the defendants costs and he held that the assignment had to be struck down.

In Advanced Technology Structures Ltd v Cray Valley Products Ltd [[1993] BCLC 723) a company executed an assignment of a cause of action in favour of its former managing director. Its terms were virtually identical with those of the assignment in the present case. The managing director obtained legal aid and applied to be joined or substituted as plaintiff in the

That application failed before the Official Referee. The Court of Appeal held that (i) it was not necessary for the managing director to be joined. (ii) the assignment was a sham, stratagem or device, and (iii) it was void for champerty.

to ban heavy traffic

very close to the border with West

Lancashire on Crawford Road

between Crawford and Rainham.

Crawford was in West Lancashire

and Rainham was in St Helens.

Crawford Road provided the only

access and the traffic to the site was

In 1993 UK Waste Management

took over the site which had not

been tipped to modern standards.

There was a need to prevent rain

ingress by increasing in the short

term, until October 1997, the

In 1995 West Lancashire District

Council had complaints about the

large increase in heavy goods

vehicle movements to the tip. The

council's order, which was

purportedly for the purpose of

preventing damage to the road or

to any building on or near the

route, imposed a prohibition on

road by heavy commercial vehicles

with an operating weight exceed-

ing 7.5 tonnes.

The applicants argued that the

order. Mr Justice Carnwath said

that argument was unanswered

and unanswerable. The order was

no experiment. Its purpose was to

prevent heavy traffic gaining ac-

cess to the Holiday Moss up. There

Bingo licence for unbuilt hall

licence for a bingo club which was

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

words in paragraph 2(1) of Sched-

ule 2 "in which the relevant

premises are or are to be situated"

gave the clearest possible indica-tion of Parliament's view of pos-

The only test was whether the

present or future position of the

building was within the petty sessional area of the licensing

authority. The licensing justices

had to be in a position to consider

the suitability of the premises on

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through one village to the other.

In Norglen Ltd v Reeds Rains Prudential Ltd (The Times Decem-ber 6, 1995; [1996] I All ER 9451 Sir Thomas Bingham. Master of the Rolls, said that the fact that a company was ineligible for legal aid whereas its two directors were or on side eligible was a matter for consideration by the Legal Aid Board but was not a ground for refusing to substitute the directors as plaintiffs.

How then stood Advanced Technology on the question of the relevance of legal aid? Was it in conflict with Norgien, with the consequence that it was the court's right and duty to choose between them, or could they be reconciled? The basis for distinguishing

between the two was set out by Sir Thomas Bingham in Norgle p962): The assignment in Advanced Technology did not create the legal rights and obligations which it gave the impression of creating (ie, the transfer of the company's right of action to the managing director) since he was to he entitled to conduct the proceedings in the name of the company. which suggests that the right of action remained in the company." The assignment in Advanced Technology was almost word for

word the same as in the present case. The provision that the assignee was to have the right to prosecute the action in the name of the assignor did not show that there had been no assignment. It was a term which was customarily inserted in case the assignment turned out to be equitable only, or in case for some

other reason section 136(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 was held not to apply.

His Lordship therefore had to conclude that Advanced Technolegy could not be distinguished on the grounds put forward in Norglen, and that they were in conflict on the question whether a right could be assigned by a company in order that the assignee

was no reason to think the order

would not be obeyed or that it

would not be effective. The only

question then would be what, if

anything. St Helens would do

Although West Lancashire Dis-

trict Council had made reference to

"traffic monitoring" there was no

indication as to what it expected to

learn. Furthermore, it was difficult

to see the relevance of an 18-month

experiment, the maximum period

permitted by section 9 of the 1984

Act, in relation to a problem which.

if left to itself, was due to end by

West Lancashire District Coun-

cil was also in breach of its duty

under section 122(2)(a) of the Act to

have regard to the desirability of

maintaining reasonable access to

Access to the site was com-

plicated by the peculiar require-

ments of a waste tip operation and

the order would create.

Gillian Rowe, Ormskirk

were granted and the building

erected in non-conformity with the

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licensed. Relevant notices could be

displayed at the perimeter of the

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about it on the Rainham side.

WLR 337) a plaintiff chose to sue malicious falsehood rather than libel, as that would enable her to obtain legal aid. It was held that the course adopted was material to the Legal Aid Board's decision whether to support the action, but not material to a decision by the court on whether to permit a properly constituted action to pro-ceed to trial.

In Stein v Blake (The Times May 19, 1995; [1996] I AC 243, 260-261) a bankrupt was seeking to enforce a cause of action assigned to him by his trustee in bankruptcy.

Having mentioned that the

bankrupt might have legal aid which would not have been available to the trustee, Lord Hoffmann had said: "Similar considerations apply to an assignment of a right of action by the liquidator of an insolvent company to a share-holder or former director ... [The defendant's] complaint is that the bankruptcy has brought him no relief. But whether it should seems to me a matter for Parliament to

Joyce v Sengupta and Stein v Blake led his Lordship to conclude that the court should follow Norglen rather than Advanced Technology. An additional reason for doing so was that Norglen was the later of the two.

It was a conclusion reached with very little enthusiasm, for his Lordship was not as confident as others that the Legal Aid Board would weed out worthless claims and spend taxpayers' money only on those that had some merit.

But his Lordship did not doubt that the board did their best in the face of difficulties which were unknown to him, not to mention a growing tendency to challenge the poard's decisions by judicial

The assignment was not invalid on the ground that it tended or was intended to procure legal aid and to avoid further security for costs.

BROWN, concurring, said that accepting that impecunious comtheir liquidators, shareholders, creditors and perhaps other in-terested parties, could, and doubtless often would, in future seek to litigate their claims at public, and their opponent's expense by assigning them to a suitable person eligible for legal aid, such being the very object of the assignment, what should be the artifude of the legal aid authorities

in such cases? Legal aid placed the assisted litigant in a peculiarly advantageous position. The assisted party's bargaining position was immeasurably stronger than his opponent's, the merits of the action often distorted by the costs

All that was obvious. But it was important not to lose sight of it when the Legal Aid Board came to decide whether to cooperate with a scheme so transparently designed and intended to escape not merely the statutory liability of insolvent companies to give security for costs but also the statutory ineligibility of companies for legal aid.

The Legal Aid Board might think that only in a case where the merits appeared compellingly to favour the applicant should his litigation be publicly funded and should he thereby be enabled to escape all the usual consequences of voluntary incorporation.

LORD JUSTICE THORPE. concurring stressed that Mr Basten was in reality, if not in law, the company.

Although the assignment might be said to have been a reversal of incorporation having enjoyed its benefits in order to avoid its disadvantages, it was notable that he had left 40 per cent of any fruits of the claim for the creditors

Solicitors: Humphreys & Co. Bristol: Mr David Whittaker.

Need for evidence of provocation

Regina v Acott

Before a judge was required to leave the issue of provocation to a jury in a murder trial, pursuant to section 3 of the Hornicide Act 1957. there had to be some direct or inferential evidence of provocation in its active sense, that is, what was said or done to provoke the homicidal reaction.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst. Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Mitchell) so held on March & giving reserved reasons for dismissing on March I Brian Gordon Acost's appeal against his murder conviction at the Central Criminal Court on June 19, 1995.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that in determining whether a judge's duty under section 3 was

triggered it was essential to bear in mind that the word "provocation" was used in an active and not a passive sense. Provocation was that which provoked; it was not the state of being in a temper as a result of provocation.

It was not enough that the evidence merely indicated that the defendant lost his temper, possibly as the result of some unidentified words or actions, for people occasionally worked themselves into a fury and erupted with no external provocation at all.

To direct a jury to determine whether the provocation in question was enough to make a reasonable man do as the defendant did, without the slightest inkling of what was the provocation, was to ask the impossible.

Enforcing judgment

Lowsley and Another

aggravated by the special short term need for clay imports and the **Forbes** limited alternative access. West The enforcement of a judgment did Lancashire District Council made not become barred by lapse of time no attempt to grapple with the serious practical problem which under section 24(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 nor was the amount of interest recoverable limited by Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Mrs section 24(2) of that Act. Vivienne Horton, St Helens: Mrs

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Morritt) so held on March 21, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, James Moffatt Forbes, trading as L. E. Design Services, against orders of Mr Justice Tuckey dated September the various grounds in paragraph 29, 1992 and May 26, 1995 includ-Although all the justices had was a plan of the building, if the licence

ing a garnishee order and charging orders nisi in the sum of £184,199,19 and a declaration that the defendant was indebted to the plaintiffs in the sum of £52,493.32

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE said the court was bound by National Westminster Bank v Powney ([1991] Ch 339) to hold that the statutory time limit under the Limitation Act applied only to the right to take substantive proceedings and had nothing whatever to do with the procedural machinery for enforcing a judgment when one was obtained.

No damages for loss of windfall Lord Justice Bingham stated the

Kennedy v K. B. Van Emden & Co

Jordan v Gershon Young Finer & Green (a firm) Burdge and Another v Jacobs and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice [Judgment March 27]

A purchaser of property having a valid negligence claim against solicitors for permitting her to pay an illegal premium was entitled to be compensated for the amount of actual loss suffered by her not at the date of the solicitor's breach of duty but at the date of trial. The diminution in value rule had no application to the assessment of

not to include compensation for th loss of a windfall to the purchase The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the pur-chaser. Mrs Josephine Kennedy. from the decision of Judge Maddox, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division on July 19, 1994, that she had suffered no loss as a result of the professional negligence of the solicitor, K. B. Van Emden & Co, relating to the payment of a premium for a flat at 126 Hamilton Terrace, St John's

the amount of damages which was

Wood, London. The court also dismissed ap-peals by Mr Frederick Burdge and Mr Raymond Lavender against solicitors, Howard Jacobs, Mary Kane and Anthony Blok, and by Mr Neil Jordan against solicitors. Gershon Young Piner & Green, in separate actions raising identical issues that had been heard consecutively by Judge Maddox.

Mr Edward Denehan for the purchasers: Mr David Neuberger. QC and Mr Anthony Connerty for

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that in 1983 Mrs Kennedy had taken a transfer of an underlease of the ground floor flat for a term of 55 years from 1974 at an annual rent of £350, subject to review. She paid a premium of £49,500 to the transferor.

She and her husband moved into the flat, being happy and pleased with the accommodation provided. But in 1990 Mrs Kennedy received the proposal that the rent be increased to £4,855, a figure

subsequently reduced on arbitration to £4,203. She claimed in negligence against the solicitor who had acted

for her in 1983 on two grounds: failure to advise her that by virtue of section 120 of the Rent Act 1977 the £40,500 was an unlawful remium and failure to advise her of the onerous effect of the rent review provision in the underlease.

in respect of the first claim the judge held that Mrs Kennedy had suffered no loss. In respect of the second, he awarded her damages of £7.500.

Section 127 of the 1977 Act permitted premiums to be required in certain circumstances. In 1983 Mrs Kennedy's underlease did not satisfy the requirements as they then stood.

However, as from January 15, 1989 section 127 was amended by section 115 of the Housing Act 1988 in such a way that Mrs Kennedy could thereafter validly assign the mderlease for a premium.

Mrs Kennedy's case was that she had paid a full premium believing that she would be able, if and when she wished, to assign it to another, again at a premium. But, it was said, that was not

what she got. Owing to the solicitor's negligence she had ac-quired an underlease which could not be assigned for a premium and therefore had no value. Mr Denehan contended that by application of the diminution in value rule, Mrs Kennedy was

entitled to the difference between £49,500 and the value of the underlease as at the date of the olicitor's breach of duty in 1983 which was nil. His Lordship said that even if it was right to apply the diminution in value rule and assess damages as at the date of the breach, it was

quite wrong to treat the underlease as having had no value in 1983. The underlease conferred on Mrs Kennedy all the antributes of ownership save the right to sell for However, the judge thought that the diminution in value rule ought not to be applied and that the damages ought to be assessed as at

the date of the trial, that is, nil. His decision was correct.

In County Personnel (Employ-ment Agency) Ltd v Alan R. Pulver & Co (a Firm) (1987) I WLR 916)

principles applicable to solicitors.

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The first was the overriding rule stated in Livingstone v Rawyards Coal Co ((1880) 5 App Cas 25. HL(Sc)) that the measure of damages was that sum of money which would put the injured party in the same position as he would have been in if he had not sustained the

The second principle was that the diminution in value rule was almost always, if not always, appropriate where property was acquired following negligent advice by surveyors.

The third was that that was not an invariable approach, at least in claims against solicitors, and should not be mechanistically app lied in circumstances where it

might appear inappropriate. The fourth principle was that while the general rule was that damages were assessed as at the date of the breach, that rule also should not be mechanistically applied if assessment at another date might more accurately reflect the

overriding compensatory rule. To apply to the instant case the diminution in value rule and the general rule that damages were to be assessed as at the date of the breach would indeed be a mechanistic application of the first in circumstances where it was inappropriate, and of the second in ances where the asses ment of damages at the date of the trial would more accurately reflect the overriding compensatory rule.

Mr Neuberger submitted that an application of those rules to a ase where a plaintiff now had a fully assignable underlease would give her a windfall she did not serve. Mr Denehan said that the amendment to section 127 had given the solicitor a windfall, the benefit of which he should have to

Damages were to be assessed in the real world. Compensation was a reward for actual loss. It was not to be made an occasion for recovery in respect of a loss which might have been, but had not been Lord Justice Ward and Lord

Justice Schiemann gave concurring judgments. Solicitors: Seddons:

Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave.

Accepting change of plea without jurisdiction so that the

Regina v Stratford Youth Court, Ex parte Conde Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir

lain Glidewell [Judgment March 29]

Where a case had been committed to another court under section 56(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 for sentence, the receiving court had all the powers of jurisdiction that it would have had in the first place and accordingly could accept a change of plea during the course of the

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on an application for judicial review of a decision by justices at Stratford Youth Court dated August 2, 1995 that a previous bench had had no jurisdiction to allow a change to a plea of not guilty where the case had originally been remitted to it for sentence only.

Mr Timothy Spencer for the prosecution; Mr Charles Salter for

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said that the words of section 56(1) that court may deal with him in any way..." indicated that the

receiving court was likely, and normally would proceed to sentence. However, the words did not

purport to limit the receiving court's powers. Where the defendant applied to change his plea to not guilty, the receiving court had jurisdiction both to accept the change of plea and then to go on to hear the case.

Here the defendant was charged with robbery and the trial was set for hearing at Enfield Youth Court. The defendant changed his plea to guilty in the course of the proceedings and the case was remitted to Stratford Youth Court for sentence under section 56 as the court for the area in which he habitually

The matter was adjourned for pre-sentence reports and the defendant then applied to change his plea again to not guilty.

The justices accepted the change of plea. At a subsequent hearing, a stipendiary magistrate queried whether that bench had acted

within its jurisdiction. At a further hearing before different justices it was decided

that the first bench had acted

decision to accept the change of plea was a nullity. At that point an attempt was made to transfer the case back to

Enfield Youth Court for consideration as to whether, as a matter of discretion, the defendant should be permitted to change his plea. His Lordship, citing S v Recorder of Manchester and Others [1971] AC 481), said that where a

defendant sought to change his plea before sentence a court had jurisdiction to allow that if it was Accordingly an order would be made to Stratford Youth Court confirming that the change of plea

was properly made and directing that the matter should now proceed to trial.

His Lordship pointed out that had the matter been correctly dealt with, the defendant would have still been aged 17 year at the time of trial and he hoped that that would be taken into account.

Lord Justice Leggatt agreed. Solicitors: Taylor Nichol, Finsbury Park; Crown Prosecution Service. Special Casework Unit.

Latest update on progress of Lloyd's litigation

Lloyd's Litigation: Report on progress and management Mr Justice Cresswell gave a statement in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on March 22 on progress and management of the Lloyd's litiga-tion since the statement of April 12. Accordingly the justices would be required to hear and determine the 1995 (The Times May 5, 1995).

HIS LORDSHIP said: The Lloyd's Litigation had been divided into the following

(a) LMX: (b) Long tail:

(c) Personal stop loss: d) Portfolio selection: tel Central fund litigation: (f) Other cases. His Lordship set out the

progress in the six categories:

(a) LMX cases In those cases names claimed that those responsible for underwriting on their behalf were negligent in the writing of business in London excess of loss market (LMX) or at least in failing to make adequate arrangements to re-insure the risks that they wrote, with the result that they were now faced with enormous losses. The underwriting years that had given rise to the greatest losses were 1987. 1988, 1989 and 1990. Seven or more action groups had brought cases

Trials of Arbuthnott v Feltrim (main action and 1990 year); Deeny
v Gooda Walker (main action)
(The Times July 26, 1994; [1994] 3
WLR 761), Rose Thompson Young
and Bromley had been completed. Devonshire was due to be heard not before September 2, 1996. Feltrim (WMD Direct and Arthur Andersen actions) not before September 1996 and King in April 1997. Other outstanding cases in this category include Gooda Walker (Littlejohn and Walker) and Evennett

against managing and members' agents and in some cases auditors

(b) Long tail cases (i) Rum-off contract cases

Those cases were concerned with the early 1980s when a number of Lloyd's syndicates took over by way of reinsurance the contingent liabilities of other

Many of the contingent liabil-

or reinsurances of United States asbestosis and pollution risks. (c) Personal stop loss cases Those risks had generated and continued to generate huge losses on the insurances and reinsurances taken over by the syndicates. The cases involved a detailed

nvestigation into the underwriting of such risks in the early 1980s. Names alleged that it was neg-gent to take on that business and that both the managing and members' agents were responsible for that negligence. Some cases in that category included allegations of category in the placing and/or commuting of run-off contracts. Limitation was raised by way of

defence in a number of actions. (ii) Reinsurance to close cases Those cases concerned the closing of years into the following years where the outstanding liabilities included contingent liabilities on asbestosis and pollution risks.
It was contended that years from
about 1979 onwards should not
have been closed and that as a
result the names on subsequent years had been saddled with losses that should have remained with

earlier years. In those cases the names had not only sued their managing agents and mmembers agents but also the auditors. Limitation was again raised by way of defence. were twelve groups of

long tail cases.

Trials had been concluded in Henderson v Merrett and Pulbrook 334, reported as Aiken Pulbrook 334, reported as Attendand Others v Stewart Wrightson Members Agency Ltd and Others (The Times March 8, 1995; [1995] I WLR 128). Poland was due to be heard in April 1996, Secretan in June 1996, Janson Green (first trial) in October 1996, Wellington in January 1997, Janson Green (second trial) not before April 1997 and Pulbrook 90 in June 1997.

Other outstanding cases in-cluded Outhwaite 2 after findings in the House of Lords on a preliminary point Sheldon and Others v. R. H. M. Outhwaite (Underwriting Agencies) Ltd and Others (The Times May 5, 1995; [1995] 2 WLR 570). Cuthbert Heath and Sturge 210. Wellington and Pulbrook 90 would have been tried in the first half of this year but for an adjournment at the request of

That category was concerned with syndicates who wrote personal stop loss insurance for names on other syndicates. The names contended that underwriting involved the indirect reinsurance of both LMX and long tail business and that the managing agents should not have taken on such business, or at least should have arranged adequate

The members' agents were also being sued on the ground that they were contractually responsible for the alleged defaults of the managing agents. Thus those cases covered topics addressed in LMX and long tail actions but were in concerned with how the various stop loss underwriters concerned conducted their own The Kansa names case had been

heard: see Bates and Others v Robert Barrow Ltd and Others Ansell and Others v Same (The Times February 9, 1995). Other outstanding cases in that category included Mackinnon Hayter. Gooda Walker 387 and Sturge 203. 206, 209 and 210.

(d) Portfolio selection cases Names alleged that their respec tive members' agents either failed

to advise them properly as to which syndicates they should join. or put them on unsuitable syndicates, or failed to advise them to leave syndicates, when, the names alleged, it was or should have been apparent that the syndicates were concerned. Those cases in the main con-

cerned names who were put on syndicates operating in the LNX market. Although they had in common the nature and extent of the obligations owed by a mem ber's agent to the names who engaged that agent, each case turned on the particular circumstances in which the name in question contracted with the member's agent concerned. Some plaintiff names in the portfolio selection cases were also plaintiffs in LMX cases and accordingly questions arose from the inter-relationship of

and Others; Brown v KMR Services Ltd ([1994] 4 All ER 385). There were about 30 outstanding portfolio selection cases. Some

claims of that type were proceed-ing by way of arbitration. (e) Central fund litigation In those cases the Society of Lloyd's claimed against the defenbylaw for reimbursement of pay ments made from the central fund withdrawal claims) or failure to maintain the required level of security at Lloyd's (earmarking

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal in Society of Lloyd's v Clementson; Same v Mason (The Times November 16, 1994) against gment on preliminary issues as to Community law and directed a trial which commenced on February 12, 1996 and would be Higgins (pay now sue later) was determined by an unsuccessful appeal to the Court of Appeal last year against an order for summary

(f) Other cases There were a number of other cases which concern the internal workings at Lloyd's. Some of those raised points of general importance. The "first past the post" appeal was heard by the Court of Appeal last year: Cax v Bankside Members Agency Ltd and Others (The Times May 16, 1995).

Speeches of the House of Lords on an appeal as to taxation issues were delivered in March: Deeny and Others v Gooda Walker (in liquidation) and Others (No 2); Albert and Others v Same; Brownrigg and Others v Same (The Times March 8, 1996).

Macmillan, a case which spanned several categories, was fixed to be heard on February 3. There had regrettably been a

mushrooming of further litigation which fells within this category. In several cases where a judgment had been given against managing agents, their E & O insurers had purported to avoid liability, which avoidance was being challenged either by the managing agents

themselves or by the names under the Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 1930. There were also proceedings in connection with the

Management techniques This was by far the largest piece of litigation this jurisdiction had seen. The court's approach to the has been as follows:

reinsurance of E & O cover.

1 The court had identified and decided a number of preliminary issues which should assist in resolving issues of principle comcase. With the assistance of the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords a number of appeals had been expedited. 2 The court had selected from cases

in a particular category lead or pilot cases for trial as to liability (and general principles relating to quantum) in the hope that decisions in those cases would provide broad guidance in relation to other cases in the same category. 3 Further case management techniques (for example, use of sample names and limitations on formal discovery) had been employed in group cases. Those had been developed in the light of experience of the litigation with the result that once a lead case had been tried, hearings of subsequent cases in the same category had been completed far more quickly than the first rial. In addition computer-aided transcription had reduced the length of all hearings,

4 A liaison committee had been set up to facilitate distribution of information to parties involved in the Lloyd's litigation. Details were available from the Clerk to the Commercial Court.

The second settlement initiative It remained to be seen whether he second settlement initiative newal) would result in an overall settlement. Naturally it was to be hoped that Lloyd's would achieved fair settlement to the extensive litigation which would be satisfactory to all parties.

The result of the second settlement initiative was expected in July. In the meantime the Commercial Court would continue with its management plan as

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■ MUSIC I

Philip Pickett

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London Consort

medieval Italian

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The Thickness of Skin

hapless son's head with the gospel of "getting on". At the other is his sister, Amelia Bulimore's Laura, a divorced teacher whose philanthropy extends to giving houseroom to Eddie, an unem-

Theatre Upstairs

loyed carpenter she has met in a hostel. Once upon a time, a Royal Court play on such a theme would have contained lots of righteous and possibly priggish attitudinising. McIntyre is far too intelli-gent for that. Mark Strong's Eddie, although not undeserving of sympathy, has done some pretty self-destructive things and is not very self-critical. Laura fancies him, yet genuinely wants to help,

yet wishes to feel good about helping, yet does not want to play the saint, yet hopes to prod him out of his lethargy, yet knows she must not control or patronise him. yet, yet, yet. Such is the hurly-burly of the charitable soul these days.

This is a complex and absorbing play,

in which every member of Hettie Macdonald's cast rises to the challenge of the characterisation. As Michael's wife, Elizabeth Garvie radiates the resentment that comes from feeling morally defensive; as the intrusive old schizophrenic who girlishly vamps her teenage son, Maggie McCarthy is painfully hard to like, let alone help. But mainly I'll remember Bullmore's Laura: plucky, apologetic, defiant, earnest, touching and, in her contradictions, very much a figure for our difficult times. .

BENEDICT

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■ RADIO

Homage to the supreme jazz voice: Radio 2 opens up the Ella Fitzgerald Songbooks



■ THEATRE

A fine new play, Clare McIntyre's The Thickness of Skin, goes on stage at the **Royal Court**

Ancient lesson in the lost arts of faith

n the heart of cynical, worldly London, this was a strange spectacle. A dozen figures in white cassocks entered the Queen Elizabeth Hall, carrying palms and chanting a medieval Latin hymn. A shrouded cross was paraded before an engrossed crowd. Then soloists acted out various liturgical dramas of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, following the music, texts and stage directions written down six centu-

ries ago in an Italian village. Broken only by the occasion-al decorated drone from an organ, the hypnotic flow of chant stretched for two hours. Yet nobely in the packed hall so much as blinked, lest the

spell be troken.

Was this entertainment, or worship A reconstruction of a dusty oili rite - scrupulously researched and beautifully sung, prinaps, but artificial nonetheless? Or a religious message to a modern Britain where himanist or materialist impulsed usually prevail? The answer i surely that Wednesday's suberb performance — by the New London Consort directed by Philip Pickett —

was all d these things. There are many good musical reasons to account for the incredible boom in performances of medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music in recent years. Clearly, some music-lovers seized upon ancient splerdours because they could disover little beauty in the musicof our own age. But there is swely also a spiritual dimension to this extraordinary quet for the Holy Grail of "exact ristorical reconstruc-tion". It is as if, by reproducing the circumstances of ancient

Great sacred

music rises

above religious divisions.

says Richard

Morrison performances as precisely as possible, we feel that we can rekindle the fires of faith that

burnt so strongly then, but flicker so fitfully now. On Good Friday that pro-cess is seen at its most intense. Bach's Passions and Handel's Messiah will today carry millions towards the heart of the Gospel message. Many listeners will be sceptical of Christianity's claims. But for the three hours that the music lasts they will be believers.

Are they nothing more than victims of a highbrow contrick? So it may seem. Music is a powerful medium, touching parts of us that words cannot reach. The Church was quick to exploit this power - and quick to suppress it, too, when the priests believed (as in the Counter-Reformation) that composers were becoming dangerously hooked on expressing human emotion, rather than on contemplating divine mystery. A Marxist (if any still exist) would argue that Western culture's vast heritage of sacred music owes less to any religious impulse on the part of great composers than it does to their need to earn a living when the Church held the monopoly on serious musical performance.

But it is hard to sustain that view when the transcendental majesty of the greatest Good Friday and Easter music is measured against the gruesome circumstances of the composers' lives. William Byrd produced his sublime motets while in terror of Elizabeth I's spies. Heinrich Schütz wrote the first great Lutheran passion music while

■ MUSIC 2

Gidon Kremer

Festival Hall

a magnificent

performance of

gives the

Schnittke

the Thirty Years' War reduced all around him to desolation. Carlo Gesualdo, Renaissance prince and wife-murderer, transcended the nightmare of his own waking reality by composing liturgical music of such chromatic intensity that it startles listeners even today. Mahler, whose wretched childhood was scarred by death, wrote his exultant Res-urrection Symphony in defi-ance of all mundane logic.

And doubtless those anonymous medieval Italians responsible for the beautiful melodies heard in the Queen Elizabeth Hall also led lives that were nasty, brutish and short. Yet when we listen to their testament we sense none of that. Instead we are transported into regions of the soul that we have lost the knack of finding by ourselves.

Easter music may seem restricted by its specifically Christian imagery. But the message is surely universal: lift your eyes to the hills, to the greater questions, away from the trivia that clutter our frantic modern lives. What is our purpose? What will become of us? Those timeless queries are fundamental to all great art. Whatever our beliefs, they are matters that we should confront at least once every year.



The Virgin of the Passion, painted by the Cretan artist Emmanuel Tzanes in about 1636, is one of the icons currently being exhibited in After Byzantium: The Survival of Byzantine Sacred Art at the Hellenic Centre (16 Paddington St, London WI, 0171-487 5060, until May 2). A similar exhibition of Greek sacred art, A Passion for Icons, is running at the Maria Andipa & Son Gallery (162 Walton St, London SW3, 0171-589 2371, until April 20)

RADIO **Creative**

thinking A WEEK of several mysteries. as seems entirely appropriate in the approach to Easter, had as its highlight Wednesday night's opener in a five-part series called Science and Wonders, which explores the relationship between God and science. This is a real gem. The air is full of articulate argument and imaginative flights in the opening, documentary section of the programme, which provides high-grade fuel for the following studio

Professor Russell Stannard introduces the programmes. which are journeys through cosmology, evolution and consciousness. Big Bang versus Creation is a shorthand way of describing the brief, but as those theories are not mutually exclusive the extremes of the debate prove to be far less interesting than the myriad byways in between.

The week's other mystery is where on the BBC dial does jazz belong?

Jazz Notes has been satisfying the late-night ear for a long time on Radio 2, so why is the new series that started on Monday on Radio 3? Terry Carter, the producer, says the move will "offer a little more scope for the repertoire of our in-concert studio recordings".

I suspect someone was about to say that the re-defined Radio 3 offers a natural home for jazz, only to retrieve the words from the tip of their tongue upon noticing another new series, The Ella Fitzgerald Songbooks. This is transmitted on, er, Radio 2.

Whatever the reasons for this strange juxtaposition, the Fitzgerald series is a welcome reprise for the supreme jazz voice of my lifetime, a woman whose technical brilliance illuminated but never overshadowed the lyrical content.

God, Big Bang, mad schedulers and Ella. A week like this should come every seven days.

PETER BARNARD

CONCERTS: Performances of Schnittke and Bach on the South Bank

Russian mood **swings**

Philharmonia/ Eschenbach Festival Hall

THE acventurous, wellplanned, all-Russian pro-gramme given on Tuesday night by Christoph Eschenbach and the Philharmonia Orchestra began, as it ended, with an orchestral showpiece. The opener, Prokofiev's Classical Symphony, is trickier to bring of than it sounds. Players as proficient as those of the Phiharmonia have little difficulty with the notes, but those hartling figures on strings and wind depend on absolute unanimity for maxi-

mum effect. There were moments when the edges seemed a little blurred, but Eschenbach set up some sparkling dialogues with wittily pointed rhythms.

At the other end of the programme was Tchaikovsky's fantasia Francesca da Rimini, in which the infernal whirlwind was depicted by the Philharmonia strings with electrifying vehemence.

LITTLE did I know, as I strode past a bloodshot beggar in Sloane Square

feeling accused and mean, that I was en

route to a play about the same predica-

ment. What is to be done with the lunatic

who invades character A's house, shoving Christmas cards into his hand while

making paranoid threats against her own family? What can be done for the

allowed to kip in her home over Yuletide?

Search me. Search Clare McIntyre, whose troubled, caring piece The Thick-

s homeless man whom character B has

You will recall that having been married against her will to a hunchback, Francesca falls for his more favourably endowed brother, Paolo, and the two are consigned to the second circle of hell as punishment for their carnal sin. The lovers I would consign there would be the pair canoodling in front of me on Tuesday night throughout Gidon Kremer's magnificent perfor-mance of Schnittke's disturb-

ing Violin Concerto No 4. Kremer's undernourished. edgy tone is not always to my taste, but in this characteristically macabre witches' brew it was perfect. At the beginning a reassuringly archaic-sounding wind chorale is countered by a disorientating off-key commentary on solo violin. As the second-movement moto perpetuo moves to its climax, one notices Kremer's bent knees, contorted body and demonic demeanour. But then one notices that he is miming the gestures of a possessed

at once comic and sinister. Kremer also had a solo role in two movements of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty, as arranged by Stravinsky, and for his own arrangement of excerpts from a virtually unknown opera called The Blackamoor of Peter the Great by the (on this evidence) unjustly neglected Russian Arthur Vincent

man: the ironic distancing is

BARRY MILLINGTON

A fine score draw

OAE/Leonhardt Queen Elizabeth Hall

BACH'S cantata The Contest between Phoebus and Pan is a wonderful celebration of the folly of musical competition. Nobody makes the mountains skip and the deer dance like Pan, while Phoebus, the sun god, excels in the Apollonian virtues of luminosity. Each does his own thing incomparably well, so the last laugh is on the adjudicators, especially poor old Midas, who is given a pair of donkey's ears and sent

packing.
The South Bank audience was doubtless conducting its own straw poll on Tuesday. Were their affections with David Wilson-Johnson's Pan. dancing and springing his way through the consonants of the bucolic aria later adapted by Bach for his Peasant Cantata? Or were they seduced by Max von Egmond's aristocratic Phoebus, "full of longing"? With Gustav Leonhardt dis-

creetly conducting the Orches-tra of the Age of Enlightenment, nudging accents into

and out of place and cueing in the zephyr-like flutes, there was plenty of delicious distraction. John Elwes hee-hawed his way through Midas's aria with perfectly judged wit, while Timolus, a more dignified adjudicator, was well cast in the eloquent tenor of John Mark Ainsley. Countertenor

Ralf Popken, meanwhile, was as mercurial as his name. Monika Frimmer, who mischievously directed the proceedings as Momus, god of laughter and wit, sang with penetrating purity of tone and a wide smile, even in the evening's earlier cantata. In this case, the beaming flattery was directed at Illustrious Leopold in the "Serenada" Bach wrote as a gloriously obsequious birthday gift for his employer, Prince Leopold

of Anhalt-Cothen. Here, Leonhardt defused both the pomp and the circumstance of the piece by balanc-ing minutely pointed, mobile string and wind phrasing with the light, firm tread of his continuo section. He allowed the bass (Wilson-Johnson) and soprano duet the most modest of cringes per pair of shurred notes, while the flutes purred out their phrases of flattery.

In between these two nicely un-Lenten cantatas came Bach's Concerto in C for three violins: Elizabeth Wallfisch, Catherine Mackintosh and Alison Bury drawing the loudest applause of the evening.

HILARY FINCH

THE SUNDAY TIMES

BETRAYAL OF CHILDHOOD Technology daily multiplies

the choice of entertainment available to children. But most programming and publishing is aimed at adults, leaving young viewers bewildered or terrified. This Sunday, The Culture looks at how to restore the media balance in the child's favour





ON TOUR WITH TINA

Far from hanging up her microphone, at 56 she's turning up the heat. The Magazine profiles Tina Turner on the eve of her world tour PLUS there's a chance to catch Tina in concert for the winners of our five star ski competition

THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS



POP 1 Solihull's finest, Ocean

Colour Scene,

display their

retro style on

Moseley Shoals



POP 2 Ingenious and polished stuff, but Richard Thompson's new album won't win

him many new fans



Shed Seven show no great flair or originality, but A Maximum High might just roll into the charts



POP 4

... and the Beastie Boys' latest, The In Sound From Way Out!, is a droll mélange

MUSIC FOR EASTER Nicholas
Ceobury conducts the Royal
Prilharmonic Orchestra and Choral
Society for the annual (since 1878)
Albert Hall Good Finday performance of
Horpida's Messiath The tirst of today's
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comes from the socialism Chora of
Polypriory at St John's Lan Bostradge
and Thomas Guthrie are among the
solicists Ronald Corp leads the London
Choral Society and New London soloists Ronald Corp leads the London Choral Society and New London Orchestra at the Fastival Hall, while Thomas Randle and Mathrew Bost for the City of London Sindona at the Barbosan, on Sunday, another very line choir — The Soteen — appear with the CLS for an all-Mozant programme, Albert Hall, Konsangton Gore SW7 (5) (1711-598 8212); 2 300m. St John's Smith Square, SW1 (0171-22 1061); 2 30pm. South Bank, SE1 (6) (0171-960 4242); RFH, Gortt, CEH, 7 45pm. Barblean, Silv Street, EC2 (6) (0171-538 8891). Today, Spm and Sun, 7 30pm. CTHERS MUSSIC It's pazz moth tomobil.

OTHER MUSSIC It's pazz regint tomofit as the Queen Bizabeth Hall rings with the sounds of Julian Joseph's Acoustic Tro and Electric Group Beck at the Bartocan, Celtic ambassadors. The Boys of the Lough headline a four day lott technal.

ioil·lestival. Box Offices as above SI A WEEK'S WORTH A week of solo performances by marvellous Irene Worth, 80 this year. Two more programmas: A Portrar of Edith Wharion and The Letters of Sand and Flautier.

(with Peter Eyre). Almelda, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Sand Torright, 8pm, Set 4pm Wharton Sat, 8pm THOMDAGERS Sua Glover's notify atmosphene chama following so women of the 1860s at work on a Borders term tan Brown's superior Traverse production Dominar Warehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-363 1732). Tonght, 8pm Sat. 3pm. 8pm; final week. CHAPTER TWO Tom Conn and Sharon Gless play unatrached New Yorkers whirling lowards each other in Net Simon's cornedy. Not his best Gleigud, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sal,

■ THE RELAPSE: Victor Spirietti plays the fretful Lord Foppington in lan Judge's production from last year's 8 15pm, mais Thurs 3pm, Sal 5pm ☐ COMPANY Adman Lester Sheta Gish, Sophie Thompson in an ercellent staging of Sondherm's bittersweet Stratford where it sweetened and sentimentalised the play's dark. harshness in rep. Pft, Barbican, Sifk Street, EC2 (0171musical on mamage, pro and contra Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730), Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Wed mat Sal. 2pm Opens Apr 10, 7pm 6 SOME SUNNY DAY First night of W SOME SUNNY DAY HIST might up reviews for Martin Sheman's new play, set in Carlo in 1942 with the German army very close and the Brits being vanously British The cast of Roger Michell's production includes Charyl Campbell, Sara Kestelman Rupert Everett and Corin Redgrave, Returns only for all previews.

DEFINITELY DORIS: Revue style musical calebrating the life and songs of Miss Day Cast of five, and said to leature more than 40 of the songs. King's Head, 119 Uoper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) Navi previewing 8om

largely cast with local talent MGMs: Chelses (0171-352 5096) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (0171-636

6146) Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Balter Street (0171-935 2772) Warner (3) (0171-437 4343)

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS (15) Jel-

black satire about Hollywood, with Favin Spacey as a monstrous studio executive, and Frank Whaley, Director.

Sections, and rears wherey. Director George Huang MGMss; Fulham Road (§) (0171-370 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (0171-636

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CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

<u>ELSEWHERE</u> BACH'S PASSIONS Following is a selection of orchestree and choirs offering Bach's St Matthew's or St. John's Passion as an end to Holy Week. Baroque specialist Nicholas McGegan makes his Royal Scottlish National Orchestre debut in Friedin end fromthit for Bach's McGegan makes his Royal Scottish National Orchestre debut in Edinburgh tought for Bach's St Matthew's Passion, repeated temorrow in Glaspow Williard Write. Neil Jenifers and Sarah Walker are among the solors for St Matthew's with the English Chamber Orchestre and Bach Choir in Brimingham, and John Lubbook leads the Bournemouth Sintonierta in Eastbourna for St John's on Sundey The King's College Choir and Brandenburg Consont also offer St John's, in Cambridge Immorrow And, finally, the Royal Liverpool Philibermonic Orchestra and Choir perform St Matthew's today Blomingham, Symphony Hall (\$10121-212 3333). Today, 2pm, Cambridge, Kings College (01223 331345). Sat.

House full, returns only
Some seals available
Seats at all prices

☐ AN IDEAL HUSBAND Triumphant return for Peter Hell's production of Wide's drama of political sleaze and scandal The star cast includes Martin Shaw, Anna Cartonet, Penne Downie Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930.8900) Mon-Sat. 7 45pm, mats Wed and Sat. 3pm. ⑤

6pm, Eastbourne, Congress (6) (01323 412000) Sun, 7 30pm, Edinburgh, Usher Hall (6) (0131-226 1155), Tonight 5pm; Gasopur, Royal Concert Hall (6) (0141-227 5511) Sat. 5pm; Uverpool, Philharmonic Hall (0151-708 3789) Today 3pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barblean: Diaghtev: Creator of the Saliets Russes (0171-638 4141) British Museum, closed today: Vases and Volcances: Sir William Hamilton collection (0171-636,1555).
Courheuld, Drawings by Thomas
Gainsborough (071-973,2528).
Hayward, closed today, Spellbound: Art
and Fam (071-928,3144). Llewellyn
Alexander Gaillery, A Million
Brushstrokes IV: miniatures (0171-620,
1322)... National Gallery, closed
today At Home with Constable's
Cornield (0717-747,2585)... National
Portrait Gaillery, closed today. The
Room in View (0171-308,0055).
Royal Academy, closed today.
Royal Academy, closed today. Room in View (0171-306 0055).

Royal Academy, Gosel lodey:
Fredenc Leighton; Gustave Cellebotte
(0171-439 7438)... Serpentiner
Jean-Mechel Bascayas (0171-723
9072). Tatle, closed today; Cézanne;
Bill Woodrow; 15 bronze statues (0171-887 8000). V & A, closed today The
Leighton Fresches; Design Now; San
Lorenco Silversmiths Studio, Milan
(0171-938 8500)

Hampstead, Swise Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Previews tonigh Apr 10, 8pm Opens Apr 11, 7pm (5) THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessmer of theatre showing in London

■ TAP DOGS Dan Perry's sedet of dancers in working-boots returns to its building-site set. High energy stuff. Lyrle, Shaltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, form end B. 45pm. ELTOMMY Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to perball wizard Shaffesbury Shaffesbury Avenue.

WC2 (0171-379 5399) Morr-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm, (a) ☐ THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Jeremy Sinden plays the ebullent Toad in the now annual return of the National Theatre production Still delightful. Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SET (0171-928 6555). Man-Sat, 7.30pm; mals Wed, Set 2.20pm; fb. 928 6655) Mon-Sat, 2.30pm (5)

LONG RUNNERS

□ Blood Brothers: Proence (0171-867 1044). □ Communicating Doors.
Savoy (0171-836 8983) ➡ Doort:
Dress for Dinner: Duchess (0171-494 5070). □ Postny Money Playhouse (0171-839 4401) □ □ Johann; Victoria Palace (0171-834 1377) ■ Les Misérables: Palace (0171-434 9909) ■ Sarrilght Express Apolio Victoria (0171-828 8695). □ The Woman in Black: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

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The great seascape



Ocean Colour Scene, friends of the stars (well, Chris Evans, anyway), and makers of a fine album, Moseley Shoals

OCEAN COLOUR SCENE Moseley Shoals (MCA MCD 60008)

IS Chris Evans the most powerful man in pop? The idea does not seem that farfetched when you consider the impact that the Radio I DJ has had on the fortunes of Ocean Colour Scene.

The group from Solihull were generally assumed to have sunk without trace after their self-titled debut album failed to chart in 1992 and guitarist Steve Cradock went on to find more gainful employment in Paul Weller's band. But, thanks to Evans, their epic comeback single, The Riverboat Song, has become part of the fabric of modern pop life, its insistent, hustling riff — Mission Impos-sible on acid — woven into his Channel 4 show TFI Friday, the Brits and, of course, the

charts. It is not Ocean Colour Scene's new-found popularity that is surprising (they do, atter all, play great music) so much as the fashionable cachet that has been bestowed on their unapologetically retro sound. Moseley Shoals, like their first album, is a mixture of undisguised Sixties influences - Traffic. Joe Cocker. Crosby Stills & Nash and. above all, the Beatles stitched together with a refreshingly unselfconscious

energy.
While Cradock sprinkles the collection with a lively cocktail of traditional guitar riffs, singer Simon Fowler applies a tough, rangy pair of vocal cords to tunes that range from the contemplative ballad.

NEW ALBUMS: David Sinclair on how a red-headed DJ saved Ocean

Colour Scene's professional life

Downstream, to the hectic stomp of their new hit, You've Got It Bad.

RICHARD THOMPSON you? me? us? (Capitol 7243 8 33704;

OR IS it just him? Richard Thompson has been creating folk and rock music of surpassing genius long enough for it to go without saying that his new album is an ingeniously scripted and scrupulously performed collection of songs. But you? me? us? is a difficult album that will not win him many converts.

A needlessly bulky set that could have been fitted on to one disc (or at least packaged less clumsily), it is divided into an electric side and an acoustic side, with two songs, Razor Dance and Hide it Away, common to both. Of the "voltage enhanced"

tracks. Put it There Pal. with its stinging guitar solo and a the foothills of pop until Evans

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lyric as bitter as angostura, is classic Thompson, and Bank Vault in Heaven is a strikingly good tune, while among the acoustic (or "nude") numbers it is Cold Kisses, one of many love songs with a sinister or cruel twist, that stands out.

The lyrics are brilliant throughout, but, even by Thompson's standards, the mood is unrelentingly dour and bleak. "I smile through the mask of my face/But deep and wide is the hurt inside" he sings on Hide it Away (twice). An album for those who like their poison neat.

SHED SEVEN A Maximum High

TOP TEN COUNTRY ALBUMS

(Polydor 531039) HERE'S another band to have reaped the benefit of the Chris Evans effect. Vaguely affiliated, for a time, to the New Wave Of New Wave nonevent, they were four young men from York struggling in

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- Gene spring to mind - and A Maximum High, their second album, looks set to establish them as late arrivals in the increasingly crowded firmament of Britpop stars. Competent rather than inspired, the album suffers from a lack of originality, the most

started plugging their single. Going For Gold. Now they

are bigger than any number of

more credible contemporaries

obvious offence being Out By My Side, a barefaced steal of the Rolling Stones song Backstreet Girl. But singer Rick Witter has a convincingly delinquent whine and on upbeat numbers such as Bully Boy and This Day Was Ours, the band proves itself sufficiently clued into the dynamics of Nineties pop to roll with it for the forseeable future.

BEASTIE BOYS The In Sound From Way Out! (Grand Royal/Capitol

7243 8 33590) AN ALBUM of "instrumental music composed and per formed by Beastie Boys", The In Sound is a delightfully cheesy mélange of pseudo-Seventies soul-funk grooves, boasting a liberal deployment of wah wah guitar, sleazy Hammond organ and hyper-

active congas. The cover is a merry pastiche of the artwork that you get on obscure European import albums, complete with sleeve notes in Franglais: "Avec leur beer swilling et glue sniffing tactiques Brechtienne, ils ont écrit leur signature definitive sur le face du rap." I couldn't have put it better myself.

CONCERT

A case of Gin and It

I WAS driving in London recently, listening to the Gin Blossoms' forthcoming single. Follow You Down, and it all became clear. Such tight, polished, guitar-filled rock inventions sound perfect with the top down, the wind in your hair, and your foot on the gas pedal. They are slightly less of a high-octane thrill if you are staring hard at traffic cones on the M25.

The Gin Blossoms are anything but glamour figure heads: indeed it is their approachable rootsy feel that appeals to American fans by the million. But right now, with Messrs Cocker and the Gallaghers wielding a musical V-sign at Johnny Foreign er, such worthy visitors from the United States can surely detect a chill in the air as they come into Heathrow.

A five-piece from Tempe, Arizona, the Gin Blossoms rose almost undetected to multiplatinum status at home with the 1992 album. New Miserable Experience. The re-

> Gin Blossons Empire, W12

cently released sequel. Congratulations I'm Serry, has already made a fist start there.

But, as Britpop scatters and diversifies, one fels that transatlantic relations may soon be warming again. Certainly, there was a small but determined flame alight at the Empire as the Gin Blossoms gave both of their najor label albums a thorough and wellreceived airing.

Guitarists: Jesse Vilenzuela and Scott Johnson quickly erected a canvas for lead singer Robin Wilsdri to decorate with his distinctive, slightly tremulous locals, and the band's modest but enthusiastic British fan bar was soon joining in on 'Till Hear it From You, a typically cleanlined, smooth-running Blossom vehicle co-writen by pop craftsman Marsiali Cren-

Like most of heir other single releases, it hever quite got to be hummed by the nation but, sooner or later, one of their unpretentious, hookfilled creations will ensnare station programmers and Gin Blossoms will be wafting from car radios everywhere. Even if they never finish hose road works.

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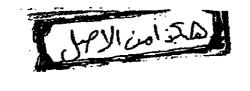
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Country-rocker Steve Earle switched tracks, and feels all the better for it. David Sinclair reports

New habit for Earle of excess

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f you want to get an idea of what Steve Earle is like, consider that, at the age of 41, the man has been married six times. That is an average of one marriage or livorce for every two years of his idult life. Whether he is an incurable romantic or simply hell to live with probably both), the Nashville-based congwriter and singer is clearly a man driven by an unusually impulsive and compulsive nature.

"I'm not scared of commitment," he says, without apparent irony, in relation to his experiences as a serial husband, "That's part of an addict's

personality. I guess I was addicted to being The words "addict" and "addicted" are rarely far from Earle's lips or his thoughts. His new

album is called I Feel Alright and he spends a lot of time, both on the record and in conversation. telling you that that is indeed how he

does feel since serving a 60-day prison sentence on a drugs charge, during which he finally stopped taking heroin for the first time since he was a teenager. It is one of the most telling albums

he has made, combining timeless love songs such as Valentine's Day and You're Still Standin' There, with uplifting blasts of roots-rock, including The Unrepentant and Hard-Core Troubadour, that recall the sound of his biggest-selling album, Copperhead Road, released in 1988;

I Feel Alright is also tinged with a midnight-dark shade of countryblues, from the Robert Johnson-style acoustic rag, South Nashville Blues, (Cocaine Cannot Kill My Pain), a junkie's ode to heroin sung through a haze of National Resonator guitar and a droning harmonium that bears a passing resemblance to Indian sitar music: "Heroin is the only thing/The

only gift the darkness brings".
"I wrote that song in the middle of the night when I was still on dope." Earle says. "It's written from an addict's standpoint. Once I'd cleaned up I thought about not recording it. and then I thought about not including it on the album. But this record was done at a critical point in my life,

and it was a song that needed to be

Earle can practically set his watch by the time that he came off heroin ("It was 18 months ago on the 13th of March"), and he refers to himself on several occasions as "still not that well". He does not trust himself to venture into certain cities on his own New York, Los Angeles, Sydney, London - fearing that the ready availability of heroin on their streets might yet prove too great a tempta-

Born in Fort Monroe, Virginia, Earle grew up as one of five children in San 6 I'm having Antonio and Houston, Texas. Like

many a pop fan he listened to the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan, but also keyed in with equal enthusiasm to the greats of country music -Buck Owens, Hank Williams et al - and local Texan heroes,

notably Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark.

Instead of taking the conventional route to rock'n'roll stardom, he moved to Nashville at the age of 19. with a view to making his way as a songwriter. Ten years later, after hearing his compositions recorded by Carl Perkins, Waylon Jennings and others, Earle finally released his own, brilliant debut album, Guitar Town.

Although it did as much as any album to dig country music out of its mid-1980s rut, Earle's rock leanings meant that he never fitted in with the ensuing wave of "New Country" acts. such as Dwight Yoakam and Randy Travis, Instead, by the time of his third album, the million-selling Copperhead Road, he and Nashville arrived at a state of uneasy coexistence.

"I have nothing to do with the newfound prosperity in country music, although a lot of people like to get their pictures taken with me these

ays," he says drily. Dropped by his record label, MCA, after the release of The Hard Way in 1990, Earle found himself unable to function thanks to his escalating drug habit. "I went to discuss a new record deal with various labels and I realised I didn't have a record in me." Now, after an absence of almost



"I went to discuss a new record deal and didn't have a record in me," says Steve Earle of his years on drugs

four years, he is having to start virtually from scratch. His comeback album, Train A Comin', was released last year on a tiny independent label mously glowing reviews, it sold a mere 20,000 copies, fewer than in Britain.

But Earle remains undaunted. He has a keen interest in the business of selling records and an amazing grasp of detail, and has since started his own record label. E Squared. He has already signed a group called the Viceroys (A pop band with country overtones") with whom he has collaborated on an EP titled Johnny Too Bad. And he is back on the road with his own backing band, the Dukes, for the first time in five years.

Reunited on stage with the Copperhead Road rhythm section of Kelley Looney (bass) and Custer (drums). together with a young, hot-shot guitarist Mark Stuart on keyboards, mandolin and guitar, Earle is unquestionably back on prime form. His twoand-a-half-hour show features a couple of unusual Rolling Stones covers, Take It Or Leave It and Dead Flowers, which he describes as "a

perfect British hillbilly song". His composition, Ellis Unit One, more than holds its own next to tracks by Bruce Springsteen, Johnny Cash and Tom Waits on the acclaimed Dead Man Walking album, and, in sharp contrast to the low productivity of his drug years, he has

tween numbers on two screens

behind the stage. Along with one liners from Mae West,

Groucho Marx, Humphrey

Bogart and a host of others.

there were corny scenes of teenage angst and lust that

were supposed to illustrate the

songs, but merely contributed

to the impression that we were

witnessing an exhibition of theatrics from the Stone Age.

blasted fitfully from the side of

the stage during Life is a

Lemon and I Want My Money

Back, but they were as noth-

ing compared to the clouds of

hot air generated by Meat

himself. Never an especially

graceful performer, he clum-

Geysers of white smoke

already started work on his next album. But even that has brought its worries. "I'm enjoying myself in the studio to the point where I'm having become a studio addict." Earle says. "I've even had to make a rule that I don't work on Saturdays and Sundays. My wife was getting irritated

• Steve Earle and the Dukes play Cambridge (April 28), Nottingham (29), Birmingham (30), York (May 2). Galway (4), Belfast (5), Dublin (6), Glasgow (8), Manchester (9), London (12, 13)

• The album I Feel Alright is available on • The EP Johnny Too Bad, by Steve Earle and the Viceroys, is released on April 22 by E Squared/Transatlantic

Felt? Denim? Suits you, sir

Lawrence should be a huge star,

he has such great ideas. Trouble is, he has them at the wrong time

Think of the great pop Svengalis of our time, the men whose grasp on the zeitgeist and how to abuse it was as tight and unrelenting as a boa-constrictor's: Brian Epstein. Andrew Loog Oldham, that bloke who managed Led Zeppelin, Malcolm McLaren ... and Lawrence. A man so cool he dispensed with the unnecessary bother of a surname. A man who would have his band broadcast "weird, synth coverversions" of the themes from Dad's Army and

M*A*S*H live on the Armed Forces Network. A man who would take the band on a tour so carefully planned that the first letter of each town spelt out its name. A man who called the band's second album ... On Ice. and fully expect-

ed to take them onto the ice-rinks of Europe. But all these fantastic plans still remain in Lawrence's head. Denim, the hand for which he sings, writes and constantly rejiggles pop history, are still waiting for the world to catch up with them: and Lawrence is still a man in search of a decade that will

honour him. Each decade's been bad for me in a wildly differing way," Lawrence says. "The Seventies were awful because I was a kid with nothing to do - we lived on an estate just outside Birmingham, and the only thing you could do for teenage kicks was to go werage iarm.

The Eighties were appalling - they just were and the Nineties still don't understand me." Lawrence sighs. "I need a really rich patron to bring all these ideas to life. It seems such a waste not to use them."

In an alternative universe, the ebbs and tides of Lawrence's fevered imagination have informed every twist and turn in pop over the past ten years. Felt. his previous band, were critically adored, but always doomed to be one of pop's brilliant secrets. So he put together Denim - all Glitter Band drums. Pulp synths and wryly hilarious lyrics. Their debut album. Back in Denim, is one of the great Lost Albums, and was the forerunner to Oasis's big Seventies rock sound by a good two years. The title track is still the greatest cover version Jon Bon Jovi never tackled.

But the public stayed absolutely at home. Sales were exceedingly tiny, and Denim were dropped from their record label. Lawrence signed on the dole, and immediately began work on his second album, Den-

CAITLIN **MORAN**

Lawrence says, voice flat as Jodie Kidd's chest. "Utter torture and agony. It was like Apocalypse Now in Walthamstow - people going insane, constantly running out of money.

im On lœ.

"It was hell,"

"When I wrote the song Supermodels, the phrase had been coined two weeks before, and I was the first person to write a song about it. But, because we kept running out of money. I haven't been able to release that record until this year.

That always seems to be my problem - I always get the firning wrong. If I could re-release Back in Denim now, it would be a massive album, hecause everyone's into the kind of sruff I was doing three years ago, stuff i was recording with people constantly saying 'No one's ever going to like this, Lawrence, the Seventies are embarrassing. Synths are

embarrassing. Lawrence gives a huge sigh. "It's boring waiting to be a star. I want to be one now."

• The single, it Fell Off The Back Of A Lorry, is released on Monday on Echo Records. Back in Denim is still available on Boy's Own Records

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Old ham lays an egg

IT HAS been a bad year for lovers of meat. For so long a staple of the national diet, it has suddenly been found wanting. It was a bit like that seeing Meat Loaf on the second night of his world tour at the Nynex in Manchester, a new 19,500-capacity arena built and run with an attention for detail that puts the

London cattlesheds to shame. I have always had a soft spot for Meat. After all, anyone who could launch a career based on such Wagnerian bombast and excess at a time. in the 1970s when the punk revolution was in full swing must have a timeless appeal.

But much has changed in the past two years and sadly

Meat Loaf Nynex, Manchester

rocked out precisely and po-

The regressive style of the



Butcher's axe: Meat Loaf's brand of Wagnerian pomp and rock bombast is starting to smell a bit gamy

by snippets of old movies which were internosed be-

sounded way past his sell-by date. The tone was set by an opening salvo of When the Rubber Meets the Road during which the performers were overshadowed by a 30ft-high inflatable rubber woman in a torn red dress. Standing to one side with a guitar strap round his neck more as a prop than for any discernible musical purpose, Meat serenaded this tawdry effigy, with typical zeal, while his five-piece band

litely behind.

ped about the stage, effected innumerable costume changes and roared with pseudo operatic passion, but all to surprisingly little effect. Winding on inexorably past the two-hour mark with a succession of songs that refused to lie down and die at the end, sometimes comically so, the show approached its climax with Paradise by the Dashboard Light. This was performed as a bizarre kitchen-sink pantomime, with backing singer Patti Russo hurling a pile of plates at the hapless Meat, presumably as a symbolic gesture on behalf of all subjugated women. Another vast inflatable - a snarling bat creature with brightly gleaming eyes reared its ugly head during the grand finale of Bat Out of Hell and Meat bid us all an emotional farewell, pausing only to berate those journalist "creeps" who "don't know me.

heart, and don't know who is my god". It was enough to turn anyone into a vegetarian.

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Barber on the

essential issues for teachers'

conferences

n Easter Day the television news running order can be predicted with accuracy. Scenes of the Pope blessing the faithful in St Peter's Square will follow an item about the latest controversy at the National Union of Teachers' conference. For a brief week the teaching profession and its concerns dominate the headlines.

As the teacher union conferences follow each other in rapid succession, the public is guaranteed to hear a great deal about teachers' workload. pupils' behaviour, under-funding of the education service and levels of pay. These matters certainly deserve their slot on the public agenda

The problem is that the conference debates are likely to highlight the short-term impact of these pressures to the exclusion of longer-term considerations about the role of teachers in society. Yet the overriding issue for all of us is surely quality. Schools have been improving, but stan-dards here are far short of those in competitor countries.

The Dearing report, published last week, has a chilling sentence. After setting out this country's national targets for education and training, it states simply that Germany and Japan have already exceeded them. In other words, even if we achieve them by the vear 2000, which most educators consider excessively optimistic, we may have fallen

even further behind. This explains why politicians in every party are giving education such priority. For the teacher unions this ought to provide a unique opportunity. It should enable them to unlock the increased levels of expenditure which primary education in particular needs.

STRIKING teachers and

pressure from the main head

teachers' union have forced

Education Minister, to take

action to combat violence in

schools. Mary Follain writes.

nounced, which have been

criticised for not being tough

enough, range from fines for

intruders and an increase in

the numbers of servicemen

and non-teaching staff in

schools, to a recommenda-

tion for closer co-operation

The 19 measures he an-

Voting at an NUT conference — but conference debates are likely to highlight short-term pressures to the exclusion of longer-term worries

It should also be possible to transform the status of the teaching profession in society so that, instead of being the Cinderella of professions, it is seen as the key to the country's future. There should be prominent debates at the union conferences about how to exploit these exciting challenges.

The reason there won't be is that so far the teacher unions have, at best, trembled on the brink of the quality debate and, at worst, retreated into defensive shells. They have reacted with horror to the Chief Inspector's suggestion that there might be 15,000 failing teachers. Nor have they shown any enthusiasm for

between heads, the police

and the courts. M Bayrou

also said that ten separate

institutions are to be created

for persistent offenders, but

on the French Government

for six months as a spate of

well-publicised incidents in

schools has fuelled public

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Pressure has been growing

could give no details.

Opposition's plans for dealing with failing schools.

Surely it is time to recognise that defending the right of incompetent teachers to continue teaching, or of failing schools to carry on failing, not only betrays young people, but also undermines any hope of significantly improving the status of teachers. That can only come from uniting teachers, government, parents and employers around a drive for

continuous improvement. And, perhaps in whispers, it should be pointed out that the mass of hard-working, suc-cessful teachers would welcome the removal from the profession of the small per-

In 1993, a deranged gun-

man held infants hostage in

their nursery school in Neuil-

ly, a suburb of Paris, and

threatened to blow himself

up with the children. A police

commando unit stormed into

the classroom and shot him

For several years, official

reports have drawn attention

to problems of all kinds in

who are not up to the job and who add to their burden. Indeed, the teaching force as a whole could only improve its reputation by putting forward proposals for policing profes-

sional standards itself This raises a much wider issue, which though vital to teachers, is unlikely to get much of an airing over the Easter weekend: there is a need for a reconstruction of the teaching profession itself.

Teachers' leaders need to out a clear case for the creation of a General Teaching Council which would speak with one voice for teachers on issues such as standards and teacher training. Otherwise serious,

role of the teaching profession in society will either be undertaken by others outside the teaching profession or it will not happen at all.

Perhaps most important of

all is the need to rethink the way teachers teach. To put it another way, we need a new theory of learning. Eighty per cent of all we know about the brain and how people learn has been discovered in the past 25 years. To that startling fact. add the immense potential of information technology, and the ingredients are in place for a learning revolution.

Yet because of the way schools are organised and the

profession have been able to exploit the opportunities. There should be impassioned speeches from the rostrums this week about at last putting teachers' teaching skills at the heart of educational change instead of their being an afterthought.

ment, few members of the

The Government's newest educational quango is helpfully beginning to turn its attention to these thorny questions. but the answers are surely to be found in the corners of the universe into which the leaders of the profession should boldly lead.

Michael Barber is a professor at the Institute of Education. London

petty theft and occasionally. by armed aggressors. But parental aggression against against the head, is becoming

Asked in the survey what should be done, teachers' answers varied. Rural schools asked for more nonteaching staff to keep discipline; those in town centres wanted police guards, while colleagues in the suburbs wanted education psychia-

Oxford is a special case

Robert Stevens says excellence is about far more than research

hile I have spent my adult life spoilt as a professor in America. my benchmark has always been Oxford, my alma mater.

cerned about the future, but I worry about the North Commission report on governance When the report deals with direct issues of governance, there is much that seems same and sensible. Its tone, however, is most important. The report has a breathless hint of American enthusiasm based on the assumption that all change is good, and that change ought to be much easier. Part of the reason that Oxford has maintained high

Now, at the end of my career, I

am no doubt too sentimental

about the past and too con-

academic standards is that academic change has been difficult and that change and progress have been distin-guished. Oxford has thus been spared much of the academic trivia and curriculum faddishness which pass for

progress in America. Since the report is looking at the university rather than colleges, it is probably inevitable that it focuses almost overwhelmingly on research, where it finds Oxford to be a "world-class university". It is never easy to assess the quality of research, but there are certain indicia that may

be used. The report admits that there are no Nobel Prize winners currently at Oxford; the University of California currently has 18 on the faculty. Oxford has never claimed its greatest strength lies in the natural sciences. where Nobels are concentrated: but where is there the kind of strength which has brought nine Nobel Prizes in Economics to the University of Chicago in the last two decades?

Among "world-class" re-search universities Oxford is probably in the second division. Wealth does not ensure distinguished research; withlikely to be elusive. Even aggregating Oxford's college and university endowments. they are only one fifth of Harvard's. Seventeen American research universities have larger endowments than Oxford. Moreover, while American universities have kept their wealth in flexible forms and use it primarily to create academic excellence, Oxford has its wealth tied up in farms. paintings, and other admit ble — but not necessar income-producing - inve ments. And the income fro the endowment that is avaable is used significantly subsidise housing for studer and fringe benefits for t Fellows, who are, indeed, ove worked and underpaid.

Once Oxford could look f relatively generous gover ment support for teaching ar research, but the rapid rise the number of universitie and the so-called "researe drift", have left it hustling fi research funds. Successi British governments hav been unable to distinguis between excellence and ell ism. Now the college fee ma succumb to political pressur and with it the tutorial system



Undergraduates: well taught

in all but the richest colleges. What brings Asian and American students for the most part is the fact that Oxford is one of the few research universities which take undergraduate teaching seriously. One's colleagues forget that Oxford's reputation in Britain has been made not by the number of DPhils in Shell's labs, but by the fact that Oxford and Cambridge have a central role in the life of the nation as undergraduate

teaching institutions. There was a time when the universities, like the judiciary, even the press, provided some of the checks and balances which ensure the humane operation of any developed society. These institutions have all suffered under what Simon Jenkins has called the nationalisation of Britain. The report will confirm that Oxford is anxious to become a cog in the government machine. Dr Stevens is Master of Pem-broke College, Oxford

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schools, including drugdealing, racketeering and increasing violence.

France acts on school violence

Replies to a recent survey carried out by the headteachers' union, SNPDEN, 'indicate that two out of three heads think violence is worsening every year and that nearly half of all state secondary schools experience some

Almost all heads of schools situated in town centres feel themselves threatened. Marcel Peytavi, the general secretary of SNPDEN, said last week that the perception of violence varies according to the type of school: "Those in the centre of town see it as coming from outside the school gates in the form of

more common."

trists and social workers.

Susan Elkin wants to put Christianity back into Easter

Why we should teach the Crucifixion story

ow many children know what Good Friday stands for, why it is so called and why it matters? Christmas has the "advantage" of being a potentially pretty story which provides an excuse for a sentimental wallow. There's nothing nice about events on Good Friday. Consequently, although many children are daily accustomed to enjoying graphic and hideous violence on their television screens and via computer games, schools seem to shy away from the Crucifix-

ion story. Instead, teachers have followed the rest of our shallow. secularised society in looking anywhere other than to the Church and the Bible for a tritely romantic version of Easter. For most children it is just a spring festival and holiday. School halls are decorated with pagan fertility symbols - although few people acknowledge them as such. Chicks, rabbits and eggs abound. There is hardly a cross in sight.

For many children Good it used to mean "holy" in this context -- Friday is a day for eating hot-cross burns and barging round car boot sales or shopping centres. Most children's concept of Easter Day seems to be seeing how many chocolate eggs can be gobbled in the shortest possible time. In other words, the emphasis is entirely materialist and commercial and schools don't seem to be doing much to counteract the trend. Culturally, Britain is a

Christian country and has

been for 14 centuries. Our way

of what an individual may or may not believe doctrinally, this country is not Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu. It is the modus vivendi of Christianity which underpins European thought.

That is why it is scandalous that children are passing through our schools without being taught in depth and in detail the incidents and the thinking that gave rise to

'Easter is too important to be reduced to a furry toy or chocolate'

Christianity. And that doesn't mean just the pretty or easy

Of course it is appropriate that in a multifaith school non-Christian major festivals Nevertheless, it is Christianity which should have primacy because of where we are. Young people — of all back-grounds — should be taught how Christianity came to their country. They should know about the building of the great Gothic cathedrals and be taken to visit one. What better time than Easter for this?

The national curriculum decrees that the spiritual entitlement of every child should be met. You cannot do that properly without providing inforof life, law and attitudes are mation, teaching and ideas. evil and the need to come to terms with the mysteries of life and death are central to all spiritual thinking.

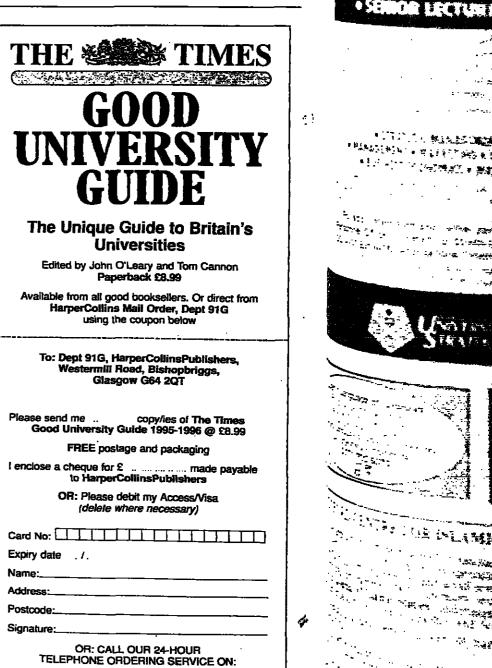
The need to teach school-children the difference be-tween right and wrong is important. What better peg than the Good Friday story and the events which followed "on the third day" - for exploring morality? Children should know all

the Gospel versions of the main stories, learning that the details differ according to which Gospel you are reading and why. It is a wonderful opportunity to keep alive the glorious King James Bible. too. In its powerful poetic simplicity it is probably the most important work of literature to be written in English. For centuries much of our high art and music has drawn

its inspiration from Christian mythology. How can a child appreciate Michelangelo's Pieta, or the almost unbearably moving He was Despised from Handel's Messiah if he or she does not know what happened on Good Friday?

ishy-washy, politi-cally correct teachers and syllabus compilers have no right to deny young people informed access
to some of the greatest of all works of art. Christianity is more than

just a religion. In Britain it is the main cultural force which has made us what we are today. It is time schools recog-nised that it is far too big and important to be reduced to a furry toy or a bit of chocolate



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Gothenberg tests classic waters

Mark Johnston aims to consolidate his place

in the premier league.

Julian Muscat reports

AS RECENTLY as four years ago, Mark Johnston would have viewed Gothenberg's assault on the Easter Stakes at Kempton tomorrow as something akin to the season's highlight.

Welcome though the prospect is, Gothenberg's pursual of this listed race represents the opening shot in a campaign that should consolidate Johnston's place in the greater scheme of things. If not quite the tentative steps of a teenager in the wider world. Johnston is quick to acknowledge that life becomes more competitive from here on.

That is why the chattering classes will be watching his progress with interest. John-ston, 36, has always had ambitions beyond the boundaries of ordinary handicaps. Having earned — and been given — his chance in the big league, he must grab hold of the bit and run.

It is the most difficult of the wany steps he has taken since he opened for business on the beaches of Lincolnshire nine years ago. He has already recognised the supreme physical demands of racing horses in group company. Now he must adjust his training skills accordingly. At this level, every misjudgment, every false step, is recorded by a thousand prying eyes.

"The experience with Mister Baileys two years was very tough," Johnston said. "After his run in the Derby. I seriously thought he was going to fall over and die. The horse only had four races in the whole season, but he was totally exhausted."

However, making adjustments is not easy. Johnston forged his reputation by getting the best from moderate horses. He would run them hard and often. "We are still. essentially in the numbers business," he said. "We willrun each horse that comes here even if we think it isn't up

"Having said that, we have to alter our sights with the



Bijou D'Inde, fully recovered from a leg injury, heads straight for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket next month

have been sent. The emphasis is on quality races. It is an interesting situation; I keep having to remind myself that people like the Maktoums have sent me horses because of what I have achieved. 1 must not change my training routine too much."

Johnston's quandary comes in stark contrast to Sheikh Mohammed, whose Godolphin string overflows with classic talent. Back in October, the sheikh purchased Johnston's best classic prospect, Mick's Love, and sent him to well-bred two-year-olds we the desert. Ten days ago, out

in Dubai, he spoke without enthusiasm of Mick's Love. "Look at this horse," the sheikh said. "The first two works he did were very exciting. The next two..." And with a dismissive wave of the hand, he made for others he

deemed more worthy.
Sadly, Sweet Robin, a classic hope Johnston trained for Sheikh Mohammed, has been retired with injury. But the trainer is hopeful of Bijou D'Inde. "He damaged a fetlock joint in September and took a long time to recover." Johnston said. "He is fine now and will go straight for the 2,000 Guineas without a prep race. Our dark horse for the season is Polar Eclipse. Although very backward last season, he has aiready worked encouragingly with Gothenberg and will go along-side Bijou D'Inde sooner rath-

er than later." The full-brothers, Double Trigger and Double Eclipse, will ensure the stable is well represented in staying races. Among the juveniles. Johnston is encouraged by the early signs from Future Prospect. Our People, Atlantic

Desire and an unnamed twoyear-old by Capote from the Miswaki mare Grana.

"As I drive past my string on the way back from the gallops every morning, it is a pleasure to see so many strong, scopey horses," Johnston said. "It is what I have always wanted. I remember people laughed when I arrived in Middleham seven years ago saying I wanted to train a classic winner.

Whatever else they may be doing in the little Yorkshire community, they are certainly not laughing now.

Hills warms to new season with 16-1 success on Atraf

RICHARD HILLS swapped the warmth of Dubai for Britain in the springtime to partner Atraf to a surprise 16-1 victory in the Loddington Conditions Stakes at Leicester yesterday.

Atraf, carrying the second colours of Hamdan Al-Maktoum, made virtually all to defeat Marl by five lengths. Newmarket trainer David Morley had not been expecting a trip to the winner's enclosure and said: "This was quite a surprise. He does nothing at home and he's quite lazy. He only won a maiden at Newcastle last year and is a typical little Clantime — small and tough. I was hoping to get him in a handicap but after this I don't know what's going to happen."

Hills, who returned to Britain on Saturday, has gained 34 winners in Dubai and occupies third place in the jockeys' list. He is hoping to return before the season ends there on April 28.

"I've had a great winter riding thoroughbreds and Arabs. I'm hoping to go back a couple of times more before the end of the season and ride a few more winners," he said.

another Newmarket raider Royal Canaska, a 2,000 Guineas entry, was expected to oblige after some sparkling homework under Lester

The colt was heavily backed down to 11-10 on for the Bescaby Maiden Stakes, but the mount of Richard Hughes had to fight hard to hold the fast-finishing North Song by a

David Loder, registering his first training success of the new season, said: "The pace



Hills: surprise victory

The word was out that was a bit slow and that didn't really suit him. Richard sensibly went on but he was there to be shot at. "Royal Canaska does have some big-race entries and I'd like to up him in

The colours of Brigadier Gerard, who won the 2,000 Guineas 25 years ago, were carried to victory when Prince Kinsky, the last horse the Brigadier's owner, John Hislop, bred before his death. won the Hever Median Auction Maiden Stakes at Lingfield. Winning trainer. Lord Huntingdon, said: "I hope he will now go on and be

a nice horse later in the year." Jimmy Fortune had a day of mixed fortunes at Musselburgh where he rode a double and received a two-day suspension.

Fortune was successful on Kilernan in the Pinkie Handican and Swan Hunter in the Stoneybank Medium Auction Maiden Stakes, but his celebrations were tempered when the stewards found him guilty of using his whip with unrea-sonable frequency on Kilernan. His ban takes effect on Saturday April 13 and Monday April 15.

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24.0 (7) 9yd) 1. Cicerone (G Duffeld, 6-1); 2. Proud image (5-1 ji-lav); 3, Cool Caper (25-1). Domettes, 5-1 ji-lav); 1, Cool Caper (25-1). Domettes, 5-1 ji-lav); 1, L. Harrs, Tote, 65-30; 11-30, £1-80, £1-120, DF, 29-60, Tiro; 524-850 — part won Pool of £180,54 carried forward. CSF £35-03.

3.10 (1m 3i 183yd) 1, Pip's Dream (W Carson, 16-1), 2, Ciburnel News (12-1), 3. Rock, Group (7-1), 4, Beita Sedona (11-1) Cuango 5-1 fav. 21 ran NPT Tanah Marah, 4l, 1l, M Ryan, Tote, £19 40, £3 10, £2 60, £2 20, £3 40 DF; £168 10. Tho, £707 70— part won. Pool of £418,68 carried lowerd. CSF: £202,97. Tricast, £1,387 89. CSP: 221297. Incast 21,397 89.
340 (1m 11 216)xt) 1, Ocean Park (A Clark, 4-1, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2, Lookingtoraraintow (16-1), 3, Remsaud Sun (25-1) Estémo Nel 2-1 lav 13 ran NR. Labudd Sh hd, hd, Lady Hernes Tote: 53,70; 21.50, 24.00, 220.40, DF 238.60 Tho 2238 50. CSF: 251.14 Tricast. 21,319.19. After a stewards' inquiry, the piacings remained unattered

4.10 (5/ 218yd) 1, Atraf (R Hills, 16-1), 2, Meri (3-1), 3, Wissam (9-4 lav) 7 ram 51, 1%1, D Morley, Tote, £24,10, £5.50, £3.00, DF, £43.30, CSF £57.97.

243.0. CSF 137 97.
4.40 (71 9yd) 1, Rockville Pilke (T Quinn, 13-2), 2, Noeprob (7-1); 3, Manabar (3-1 favi. 9 ran. NR: Deeply Vale, Franch Ginger, 1¼1, nk. S Dow Tole. 55 70: 22 30, 22 00, 51 30. DF: £19.50. Tho: £27.80.

5.10 (71 Syd) 1, Inner Circle (J. Reid, 4-1), 2, Papana (2-1 fav), 3, Royal Divorsion (10-1) 17 ran, NR Lady Benson, 1, 4, P Chappte-Hyam, Tota C 18 D: 22-90, 22-90, 22-90 DF 26.40 Tro: 226-50 CSF: £13-04 25.4U Inc: £25.50 CSF: £13.04 Quadpot. £100.40 Jackpot. Not won. Pool of £3,369.09 carried forward to tomorrow. Placepot. £404.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to soft (buf), standard (all-weather) Weatlest (1) 1, Bilko (Pat Eddery, 4-6 fav), 2, Insh Fiction (9-4), 3, Molly Music (20-1) 5 ran 134, 5, G Lewis Tote £1 40, £1.10, £2.10 DF, £1.10, CSF £2.68. 22.10 OF: \$1.00. OST SEASON. 2.30 (5) 1. (schyd-Da (M Fenton. 5-2); 2. Kingsinger (11-10 las); 3. Safly Behaviour (5-2) 3 ran. 2 yl. 141 M Bell Tote. \$3.30. DF. \$2.30. CSF. \$5.00.

2280. CSP: 85.00. 3.00 (1m 2) 1. Thomhwarna (M Beird, 14-1): 2. Zahid (7-1), 3. Polly Peculiar (7-1) Errant 100-30 (av. 14 ran. 1%), 36. J. Bridger Tote 215.50; 52.90. 53.00, 54.50. DF-925.50. Thos: 5277.40. CSF: \$105.20. Tricast: 2696.20.

3.30 (7) 1, Champagne Grandy (P P Murphy, 12-1), 2, Proud Monk (6-1), 3, Tiler (5-1 fav), 4, Solden Pound (13-2), 16 ran. 2kl, 4l M Channon, Tote: £19.20; £4.10, £2.10, £2.50, £2.60, DF £133.70, Trio. £338.00, CSF £28.31, Trocast £386.41 238 00. CSP- 288 31. Hosst £38.41 4,00 (1m.27), Prince Knasty LW Weaver, 4-5 fav); 2, Blueberry Fletch (4-1), 3, Bright Edipse (6-1), 7 ran. NR. Snellas Dream 5, 71, Lord Humingdon, Tote, £2,10; £1,30, £1,50, DF £4,50, CSP- £5,08 4,30 (6f) 1, Our Shadee (C Scally, 3-1 gl-las); 2, Invocation (9-2); 3, Maple Burl (6-1), The Institute Boy 3-1 g-law, 6 ran 1 %I, shd.

Musselburgh

Going: good 2.20 (5) 1, Sweet Emmaline (* Sprake, 4 1), 2, Sweet (3-1 g-fax), 3, Tribal Mechael (7-1) Bolem Boy 3-1 g-fax, 9 ran 5, 31 W Tumer Tota: 58 80, 52.20, 51 0, 55 80 DF 57 90 Trib 536 90, CSF 517 52. 2-50 (Im 4/31yd) 1. Kilernan (J Fortune, 6-1). 2. Gold Desire (7-1), 3. Keep Basting (14-1) Drummer Holis 3-1 (av. 13 ran. 1). 4.1. T. Barron. Tote 2-70, C.190, C.2 60. (2-50. DF. £30.90. Timo £30.90. CSF. E42.29 Tricast £511.30

2.20 (5) 1, To The Roof (G Hind, 5-1 tev); 2, Domiclosiy (11-1); 3, Tenor (6-1), 4, Sondense (8-1), 16 ran, NR My Cherrywell, 3, 140, P Hamis, Toter, 24.0, C1.40, s2.00, 52.20, c1.30, DF £18.30, The £42.30, CSF, £53.11, Timest; £323.03

250.11. Inteast 252.05 5.90 (1m 31 32)(d) 1, Swan Hunter (J Fortune, 7-4), 2, Anna Soleil (33-1); 3, Sadbergh (5-1), Poerry 5-4 fav. 6 ran 284, 134, D (25)grove Toter £2.50, £1 10, £4.90, DF: £68.30 CSF: £32.96. 4.20 (*Im 18yd*) 1, Bedazzie (P Robinson, 5-1 lav), 2, Spirito Libro (11-2), 3, Northem Spark, (11-2), 14 ran, Nk, 2%L M Britisin, Toter £5.90: £1.90, £2.60, £2.10 DF: £19.70 Trio: £45.80, CSF-£33.36 Tincast, £155.80.

© 135 80. 4.50 (71 15/d) 1, Eben Naas (K Darley, 3-1). 2. Backhander (16-1). 3, Nappen Rocks (25-1) Prote Of Kashmr 9-4 fav 14 ran. Nk. (4) S Williams. Tote £4.60. £1.50, £3.30, £11.80, DF. £35.30 Tno £322.10 CSF £45.47. Heast £331.92 Quadpot. £57.90 Placepot. £445.20.

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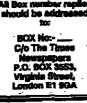
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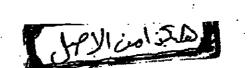
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Clubs seek vibrant competition

RFU handicapped by its clumsy use of trump card

TIME is fast running out for the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs. By the conclusion of the Easter holiday, there will be only four weeks before the moratorium on professionalism in England ends and open rugby embraced, either as one united body or apart.

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Sadly, the political manoeuvring between the two sides gives little indication of a spirit of co-operation or compro-mise. Both profess to seek a way forward together but without acknowledging the degree to which the parameters of the sport have changed; two official meetings between union and clubs have lapsed into a long-range exchange of acrimonious views. "Disappointment is rapidly turning

anger with a leadership whose mandate is only to say no," one club official said. Can rugby possibly throw away the advantage of learning from the mistakes of other

professional sports? You would not bet against it, even though the southern hemisphere already provides an example of successful shortterm management, in the shape of a Super 12 competition played to a high standard and attracting large crowds.

THE first wave of signings by

Rob Andrew's Newcastie end-

ed in mid-season; the second

is now beginning with the

announcement yesterday that

Tim Stimpson, the England A

full back, will join the second

division club next season.

More can be expected before

Stimpson, 22, took over the

captaincy of West Hartlepool

during their lurch through

this winless league season

and, if relegation from the

first division of the Courage

Clubs Championship is sus-

pended this season, will be

stepping down a level. How-

ever, he clearly believes that

joining Newcastle's multicul-

tural band will not hinder his

international prospects and

that his new club will dominate the second division next

year as Northampton have

The full back, who will miss

West's game with Orreli to-

morrow because of a rib

injury, will be able to keep his

THE London Super League rugby

done this season.

્યુંV April is out. ા



David Hands warns that all

sides should concentrate on forging a successful way ahead

The danger in England is that the governing body may over-estimate its own powers: though the leading clubs are not ready to say so publicly. they have contingency plans to go their preferred way if negotiations break down, which would compel the RFU either to expel them or to accept a fait accompli that might weaken an authority recognise. already damaged by the handling of its two special general

meetings this year.

Neither scenario would be good for the sport. The union's trump card at the moment is the five nations' championship and its appeal for players, vision, but its playing of that card has been clumsy and fails to acknowledge the long-term picture painted by the clubs of a European and domestic game raised to a vibrant level. attractive to television and to which international rugby

would be a valuable adjunct. "I think common sense will prevail." Sir John Hall, the

officer with ICI at nearby

Wilton. "We want all our

players to have another career

but secondary to rugby," An-

Stimpson has maintained

his form remarkably well

during West's trials and tribu-

lations and his calm authority

has taken him to the verge of

full-international honours. At 6ft 3in and 15st 7lb, he is a

considerable physical pres-ence, yet with the pace that

made him a member of the

England sevens squad in

of the first division next

season has brought a stinging

rebuke from the Orreli coach.

Phil Moss. "We don't know if

anybody will be going down, or whether there will be an

Anglo-Welsh league next sea-

son," Moss said. "Here we

are, only four weeks away

from the end of the season,

and, surely, everything ought

to have been sorted out."

The indecision over the size

Hong Kong last weekend.

Stimpson joins the

Newcastle band

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

chairman of Newcastle United Sports Clubs, said yesterday. "If everyone cares for rugby as they say they do, both sides will negotiate a deal." Sir John was in London yesterday to meet other officers of the English Professional Rug-by Clubs Ltd (EPRUC), the newly-formed body that the RFU has been loath to

His input, based on years experience in football has been invaluable for the leading clubs. "The issue for the RFU is not money but control," Tony Hallett, the union's secretary, said this

Sir John cheerfully recognises this: "It comes down to the sharing of power," he said. "The rest of the detail can be sorted out but it's very difficult to get the old order into the 21st century." The clubs seek what they describe as "delegated autonomy" — the kind of independence enjoyed by the southern-hemisphere provincial teams - and the opportunity to develop as centres of

Their stance can be readily understood and has attracted, they claim, sympathy among members of the RFU executive committee. They seek an integrated programme of European, Anglo-Welsh and domestic rugby that guarantees 15 home games and direct access to income from television with which to defray anticipated wage bills between £750,000 and £1.5 million.

So long as the clubs remain together, and draw their players with them, they, too, have a trump card. Their belief is that the RFU, with a debt to service on the refurbished Twickenham, cannot afford a wage bill of £6-7 million for the best 100 players in the country and clearly cannot guarantee international rugby and all the commercial benefits that go with it to more than

The clubs believe that, far from television companies dealing only with the national unions -- as has been claimed - television and backers will be readily available to the side who can guarantee the product. We used to call them players, who may feel that their long-term interests are best served within the club



Darren Hall is Britain's No I badminton player but lacks the charisma and style of other sports champions. Photograph: Alban Donohue

Badminton gets bird for goose abuse

here is a Sports Village on the outskirts of the city of Norwich, Asda be praised. Norwich was a Sainsbury conurbation, Sainsbury bankrolled the University of East Anglia, and the provision of the sports facility was the price Asda was asked to pay to be allowed to come east and peddle their alien corn in competition.

The Sports Village has a largish hotel for athletes and officials, an Olympic-size pool, water chutes, gymnasia and all the requisite facilities in the way of tennis and squash and basketball courts needed by a quality complex.

For the last four years, Norwich has hosted the Eng-lish national badminton championships.

As a ball man. I have always felt that there was something not quite wholesome about badminton: give me football, cricket, hockey, baseball, basketball, tennis, squash, fives, rackets, bowls, golf, snooker, lacrosse even marbles and I know what I am about. With a shuttlecock I worry about the geese, whose tail feathers are the integral part of the conical, round-nosed object of play in this game. Badminton also misses out on support: the crowds who attend are not so much fans of the game as relatives of the players. I have

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public libraries.

Badminton became an Olympic sport in 1992 and we have no more chance of a medal than we do in women's beach volleyball - which is being introduced in Atlanta. Indonesia, China and Scandinavia bestride the world

rankings like Collossi; we have Darren Hall. He has been our No I for eight years, is nearing his sell-by date, may have passed it. Peter Knowles could take his place, but, in overall assessment, it still makes him not much more than the largest dwarf.

On Tuesday, for a place in the quarter-finals of the men's singles, a man called Bish was beaten by a man called Bush. On Wednesday, I watched Knowles beat Knock and then had a chat with Hall.

Britain's numero uno has about him not a semblance of the charisma that surrounds Giggs or Cork, Richards, Montgomerie, Hendry or Rusedski. Hall was born in Uningiora, lives in Uningiora, learnt his badminton from Ray Stevens in Chingford.

went back to thinking about geese and their feathers: the Sports Council of Great Britain puts the number of UK badminton players at 5.1 million. Suppose each uses two shuttlecocks a week (in match

FREUD ON FRIDAY

play, it is more like five per game) and you have accounted for 500 million shuttles. Each is fashioned of 16 similarlysized wing feathers of geese, making eight billion feathers

say ten billion, for these are hand-stitched and allowances must be made for wastage even in respect of oriental

The English National's winner receives £425. Hall explains that, with travel, hotel and food costs, you have to win to make a small profit; second orize, vou nareiv break even.

Darren Hall explains that, for him, badminton provides "an OK living: pays the mortgage but I won't be able to retire on it". The trouble is the game can only improve if it finds a big sponsor or takes off on television. Meanwhile, he believes he has three or four him, spends several hours a day training with light weights, practising strokes, avoiding movements unrelated to badminton.

There is about Mr Hall a constant niceness, devoid of the passion you encounter in Alex Higgins. Eric Cantona. lan Botham, John McEnroe ... but then they did not play before crowds who were dead ringers for the folk you meet in public libraries.

Hall thinks Britain is about the tenth-best badminton nation in the world, seventh-best in Europe. We represent around two per cent of the world's players, which means a thousand billion tail feathers per animal to keep the game going. Yonex, who make shuttlecocks, have a man at the tournament, and I approach him: How many geese would be having a happy time out there were it not for the badminton English championships?"

He says goose feathers are a product i wait for elucidate. That is it. Hall plays Anthony Bush

(Wi) - I thought it was Willesden or West Indies but turned out to be Wiltshire - in the semi-final. It is a game about which one would not want to expend much verbiage: 40 minutes of unforced errors, the odd shot of quality. but it looked like a knock-up.

Champions of other sports manifest skill and speed and strength which makes journeyman practitioners glow in admiration: watching Hall. you admit that his reactions are a bit faster, he hits the shuttle harder, is better balanced and has some cunning stroke-play, but you would not say, as you do when champions of other sports display their artistry: "I could never do

o I returned to thinking about goose feathers. Those used for shuttlecocks are bigger than the ones in eiderdowns - I mean, you would not have to be a princess to notice there is a shuttlecock in your duvet but, if they are a by-product. can it really be that the Chinese, who number one billion, most of those I've met are vegetarians, can eat sufficient geese to make a zillion tail feathers a by product . or is the plumage regular intervals the way women pluck their eyebrows. so that the game and the geese can go on?

If I had to have a het I would put it on Knowles to win the final, which is being played after I write but before you read this treatise on goose-lib.

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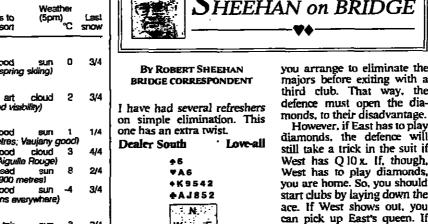
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However, if East has to play diamonds, the defence will still take a trick in the suit if West has Q10 x. If, though, West has to play diamonds, you are home. So, you should start clubs by laying down the ace. If West shows out, you can pick up East's queen. If East shows out, you play a trump to the king, ruff a spade, and play off your remaining high hearts. Then, give West his trump trick. West will have no choice but to give a ruff and discard or open up the diamond suit. This is the distribution that you have

to guard against: **∲**J8432 **♦** A K 1095 ♥J108532 ₹74 **♦** Q 10 8 **†**83

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JENNETING · a. Covering for a donkey b. Collecting blueberries c. An early apple

a. Modified rapture

b. A distinguishing feature c. A farrier's wrench

JYNX a. A wryneck b. A cabbalistic sign c. An old pub game HODDYDODDY

a. A duped husband

b. Supercilious c. Warm ale and honey Answers on page 41



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

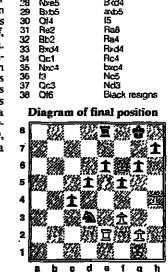
Adams too

MICKEY ADAMS, the grandmaster and No 2 United Kingdom player behind Nigel Short, has achieved one of his best results by clinching first prize in the New York international. Adams finished well ahead of grandmasters such as Ivan Sokolov, Viktor Korchnoi and Valery Salov. In

the game today he outplays grandmaster Patrick Wolff, the United States champion. Adams's quiet opening en-courages Black to engage in an early battle on the queen's against him. Wolff then tries to solve his problems with a tactical sequence but overlooks Adams's thirtieth move, which enabled him to retain a large material advantage.

White: Michael Adams Black: Patrick Wolff New York, March 1996 Sicilian defence

5 0-0 6 d3 Nbd2



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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine — Nestor, Trinidad, 1939. The two danger signals here for Black are the weak back rank and powerful white passed pawn on d7. How did Alekhine exploit these factors to deliver a fine finish? Solution on page 41

Newcastle must compromise manager's ideals

Stumble tests Keegan's defence mechanism

BY DAVID MILLER

FAILURE to win the FA Carling Premiership would probably bring Kevin Keegan a sharper sense of loss even than being mugged when taking a nap in his car five years ago. His emotional commitment to Newcastle United, as in most things he

After all that his effervescent team have given to Tyneside's passionate supporters and to the whole English game this season, it will be mortifying should they stumble in the final straight. When the team were promoted by winning the first division three years ago. it seemed that Newcastle at last were to become a leading force, with real achievements. after all the years of frustrating promise from players such "Jinky" Smith, Macdonald and Waddle.

Yet how right is Keegan. following in the same steps as Ron Greenwood for all those years at West Ham United, to say categorically "win or lose, this is the way to play", as the points continue to be dropped? is he leading another Light Brigade?

Those hard men of the Sixties, Bill Shankly - who signed Keegan from Scun-

MIDDLESBROUGH will

welcome Juninho back into

their team tonight as they

attempt to secure their FA Carling Premiership status.

The Brazil international will

start only his second home

match in almost two months

against Sheffield Wednesday.

brough to 40 points and

virtually ensure their survival

after a new year slump that

saw them take just one point

from II games before Satur-

Branco, Juninho's country-

man, is struggling with an injury and Middlesbrough

are playing down reports that

they are to sign a third

Brazilian. Beto, the Botafogo

Juninho in a recent Olympic

Games qualifying tourna-

ment and Bryan Robson, the

Middlesbrough manager.

was said to be in the advanced

However, John Pickering.

the coach, said: "Beto has

been mentioned in general

conversation, but not as an

immediate target. I'm not

saving he will not come, but

I'd be surprised if he did."

stages of talks with him.

day's win at Leeds United.

A draw will take Middles-

thorpe United for E35.000 in 1971 — and Harry Catterick and Don Revie, used to refer dismissively to West Ham and Tottenham Hotspur, when the London clubs failed to win the league titles their skills deserved, as southern softies. What would Shankly now call

Keegan has great pride and determination, his identifica-tion with Newcastle's cause being as powerful as it was with Liverpool's. I know how he cares, having given him a lift from Heathrow to King's Cross when he was barely more than a boy to travel home to his parents just after being sent off for retaliation on an England Under-23 tour. The indignity hurt.

He tried to hide the pain on Wednesday night, after Stan Collymore had just secured victory in a seven-goal epic at Anfield, saying: "I'm a great winner and I try to be a good loser." What must he do to prevent Newcastle from unnecessarily surrendering further points in their remaining matches against teams, all of whom are inferior to Newcastle as an attacking

It is not just a matter of work-rate. Few former players know more about that than

Juninho is back on board for

voyage towards calmer waters

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Regi Blinker, the Holland international back in their

side after a groin injury. Manchester United could

be forced to pay Oldham Athletic more than £500.000

for the schoolboy, David Brown, A Football League

commission ruled yesterday

that United must make an

initial payment of £75,000 for

Brown after deciding that

they had broken the rules

when they signed him. United

would have to pay a further

Juninho: returning

Wednesday hope to have

LEADERS

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Leeds United (h). Apr 27: Northingham
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Keegan and his assistant, Terry McDermott. I am not the one to try to tell them about common sense, on the field, given their massive experience, yet that, I suspect, is the key. When Newcastle went ahead again at 3-2 on Wednesday night, with Asprilla's goal just on the hour, that surely was the moment for Newcastle to temper extravagance with caution.

Instead, they allowed their opponents more of the ball in the last half-hour than a side such as Arsenal sometimes give in a whole match. Beards-ley. Ginola and even the iron-

£25,000 if Brown, the leading

scorer in United's B team,

makes five first-team appearances, followed by £100,000

after 25 appearances and sim-

ilar payments after 50 and 75

sion also decided that United

would have to pay another

£25,000 if Brown is capped at

England Under-21 level and

£100,000 if he plays full

new contract to Paul McGrath, the Ireland central

defender. McGrath, whose

present contract expires this

summer, has been with the

club seven years and will be

right to do what he wants to.

but he knows and I know that

there will be an offer. He has

been a terrific servant to this

club and still has a great deal

Dave Bassett was vesterday

rewarded for steering Crystal

Palace into the promotion reckoning when he was

named Endsleigh Insurance

League first division manager

of the month for March.

Brian Little, the manager,

entitled to a free transfer.

Aston Villa are to offer a

international.

appearances. The commis-

than had been Liverpool at the height of Newcastle's own assault in the first half. Newcastle played like Brazil of the Eighties: preoccupied with the positive when an element of compromise might have brought a victory that was paramount on this occasion, a draw at the very least.
It is fair to say that

McManaman produced a late flourish that might have unhinged any opposition as he ran full tilt past Newcastle's left flank of Batty. Ginola and Beresford, the latter fortunate not to concede a penalty when up-ending McManaman on

Keegan will ignore the words of Roy Evans, his opposite number, at his peril. Defence is part of the game and although Liverpool de-fended at times even more shakily than Newcastle, they had twice the number of shots on target. Newcastle's goal aggregate for the season reveals something of a myth about their style: they have scored fewer and conceded more than their two rivals.

Even in the moments of their worst anxieties, with their supporters reduced to a state of near-apoplexy, Liverpool were still concentrating on the possession game with which Keegan is so familiar. Newcastle's rate of unforced error in their passing was the

higher. Brian Clough, whose Nottingham Forest teams used to win trophies with less than the talent that Keegan has assembled, always preached that clean sheets won titles. Clough was the pragmatist par excellence. If Keegan were to compare what he gets in total from Ginola with what Clough had from John Robertson, it might partially explain Newcastle's problem.

The race is not yet over. The title is regularly determined over Easter. Manchester United have at least as tough a programme. A five per cent compromise in attitude might yet be sufficient to gain Newcastle their first championship for 69 years, a feat that would be welcomed by everyone outside Lancashire.

What is certain, I believe, is that without more consideration for defence, Newcastle are unlikely to make serious impact in the European field, never mind the brilliance of Ferdinand and Asprilla. ☐ Newcastle's Premiership prospects will be further ham-

pered by the loss of Steve Howey, the England defender, who went off with a hamstring injury at Anfield; he may not play again this season, thus damaging his chances of playing a part in the European championship finals.



Johnson, right, awaits his chance during a second-round defeat of Hands yesterday

Johnson learns his lines

By COLIN McQuillan

PAUL JOHNSON'S elevation to the cast list for the later stages of the British Open squash championships was confirmed yesterday when his name was included in the lineup for the quarter-finals at the Cardiff International Arena todav.

After his unexpected remov-al of Peter Nicol, the British national champion, who was seeded No 4, Johnson, from Kent, yesterday defeated Tony Hands 15-17, 15-1, 15-12, 15-13 in the second round. He now Julien Bonetat.

Bonetat. the world No 18, flourishes in the British Open. Last year, he surprised Nicol in the first round. Yesterday, he sprang a trap of Gallic cheek and enterprise to ensnare the sixth-seeded England captain, Chris Walker,

15-13, 15-9, 12-15, 15-8, Jansher Khan, seeking to win the title for a fifth successive time, will meet

ATHLETICS PIETERSBURG, South Africa (selected results) Men: 200m: 1, J Regis (G8) 20 39:ecc 110m hundles: 1, A Jamet (G8) 13 36 domestic opposition of some find little response.

sort today. Paul Gregory, a former British national champion, who now plays as the Greece No l because of his father's antecedence, was due late last night to face the Wales No 2, Alex Gough.

The victory by Johnson, ranked No 27 in the world, came after a display of patient rallying and may yet be seen as the defining moment in which a player who developed late to take the British and European junior titles in his senior elite at 23. Hands is a wonderfully

talented ball-player who can match any attacker in the land on the practice court, but whose mind drops into rigid defensive mode under tournament conditions.

Johnson, in contrast, overcame a nervous start on the Perspex show court he had experienced only once before

to develop a high-paced

assault to which Hands could

'I had great trouble hitting the length on this court at first. but once I worked it out, I found the same rhythm and balance that took me past Nicol." Johnson said.

Both he and Hands might have been helped by staying around to watch Cassandra Jackman. England's topranked woman, strike a resounding length from the first rally of her 40-minute, 9-1, 9-5, win against Vicki experienced 40-year-old who dominated the British Open in the early 1980s.

An English semi-finalist was guaranteed by Jackman's powerful performance. In the quarter-finals today, she meets the former national champion. Fiona Geaves. from Gloucester, who vesterday dismissed Rehecca Macree, of Essex, 9-5, 9-0, 9-0 in only 22 minutes.

FOR THE RECORD

Wednesday's late results

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St Helens present challenge to Wigan's supremacy

BY CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

WIGAN'S ability to resist offfield pressures as well as their response to a challenge from their fiercest rivals on the pitch will be tested to the full at Knowsley Road today. St Helens know their stand-

ing as potential champions of the inaugural Super League will soar if they defy recent form against their neighbours and win today's meeting.

The need for Wigan to forget events this week involving Jack Robinson, their chair-man, and John Martin, a director, is paramount. Both men have been charged with conspiracy to defraud and bailed to appear before magistrates in Wigan on May 8. Robinson said yesterday he

was not considering stepping down as chairman, a post he has held since 1992, and that a board meeting would be held on the coach to the game. For the players, perhaps the but advice is to erect a partition and concentrate on what they do best.

Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, is under no illusions. "I don't think the offfield dramatics will play any role whatsoever," he said. Graeme West, his Wigan counterpart, is also adamant: The players are good professionals," he said. "Whatever is in the background, they will

go out and do the job.' St Helens, finally, have one over their rivals in that they and not Wigan are in the Challenge Cup final in three weeks. However, Wigan are unbeaten against St Helens since the 1993 Premiership final — a sequence of il meetings — and, on their last visit to Knowsley Road at the start of last season, achieved their highest score on the ground in a 52-20 victory. McRae's arrival from Can-

berra has brought the reinforcement of a wobbly defence if this is solid. St Helens are capable of winning and setting the early pace. When there are points to , prove. though, Wigan have an uncanny knack of delivering. Bradford Bulls ended the off-on saga of Steve McNamara's signing from Hull vesterday by completing his signing for an estimated fee of £120,000. McNamara, 24, is in the squad for Monday's home cos, but not tonight's visit to

Richard Henare, the New Zealander, will make his first appearance for Warrington at home to Workington after the arrival of his work permit. He will play alongside Toa Kohe-Love, his countryman. Carl Hall returns from injury in the centre for Leeds at Castleford. Both sides are seeking their first wins.

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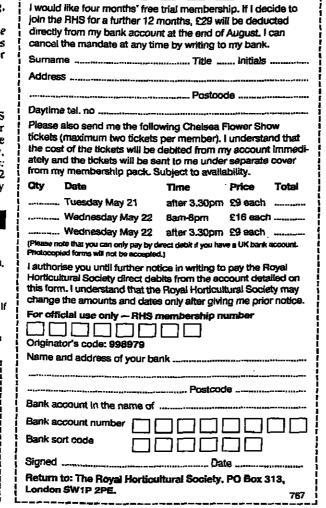
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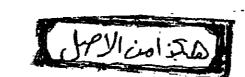
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Just a few beaches south of Copacabana, Damon Hill is out in the sea. being ripped apart by Mich-ael Schumacher, he was writ-ten off. Many observers trying to catch the breakers as thought that Williams should they come crashing in riding dump him and stick with them to the shore on his David Coulthard, his young polystyrene board. Now and team-mate, who was out-qualthen, when he gets it wrong, ifying him regularly. Hill his head disappears for a few spoke openly about the possimoments beneath the swirlbility of moving to another ing surf and the purple board pops out of the foam and careers towards the sand. A

Now, though, Hill is being lauded from every side, few seconds later, Hill resurstrongly tipped to be the 1996 faces, smiling, and tries again. champion, and Coulthard is He knows what it is like to almost a forgotten man, strugbe on the crest of a wave at the gling in the shadows with McLaren, his new team. As he moment. He has spent the past three days here relaxing left the sunshine and the sand with Georgie, his wife, playing tennis with friends and here yesterday to prepare to try to win his third race of the seeing the sights, secure in the season, in Argentina, Hill knowledge that the nascent could afford to be sanguine Formula One season could about this tale of two former not be going any better. Two wins in the first two races is not bad; he leads by 14 points.

team-mates.
"David is a brilliant driver," Hill, though, has had plenty of experience of fighting to keep his head above water, too. Last season, when his championship challenge was he said, "and he is still very young. When I was his age, I was still driving in Formula Ford. Sometimes, it is hard to stay in control of your own destiny, but he is finding out Oliver Holt, in Rio de Janeiro, considers the contrasting

fortunes of former team-mates driven by a grand ambition

that this sport is not honey all the way ... but the season is still young and I think he will prosper in the end. Of course I am glad to be at Williams. hey are a superb team, but, if I had moved on, I would be giving everything to another cause now.'

A few hundred miles to the south, Coulthard has been spending the past few days on an island with Mika Hakkinen his team-mate, and Ron Dennis, the managing director of McLaren, wrestling with the reasons for his poor showing so far. He did not finish either the Australian or Brazilian grands prix, where Hakkinen came in fifth and fourth, respectively. Hakkinen, who has the advantage of three years' experience at McLaren, outqualified him comfortably

Coulthard has always been, and remains, one of the most personable, articulate and honest of grand prix drivers. He is not hiding from the challenge or challenging the facts. He is labouring as he tries to settle in with a new



Coulthard: honest driver

team, fighting to adapt to new ways and not running right at the front as he was with Williams. He knows that the whispers have already started, that Formula One is

showing its fickle hand. "In some ways, it is hard for me to have such a big challenge," he said, "because there are probably still too many doubts in people's minds about how my seasons went with Williams, about the ups and downs and people saying I made excuses. There are too many of those doubts for me to have established myself

"I am sure that there are some people forgetting that I was running right with Damon last year and remembermg mistakes I made, putting that together with where I am just now and saying 'he's no good'. I know I can qualify: I

as quickly as Damon; I just have not got the same confidence level here as I had

Whether Coulthard jumped from Williams or was pushed to make way for Villeneuve has always remained a moot point, but, whatever the reason, the move was never likely to pay off in the short term. Coulthard and Tim Wright his manager, of the International Management Group, opted for a two-year deal with McLaren-Mercedes because they were sure that the team would get back to the pinnacle

it once commanded. Even in these dark days, it would still be a fool who wrote off Dennis, while Coulthard has not become a bad driver overnight. No matter how bright the theory, though, the reality of scrapping for a points finish in the middle of the field when you have been used to challenging for victory is hard to stomach.

"Physically and mentally, it

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said. "It has been harder than

I thought. In terms of perfor-

mance, I knew we were not

going to be right up at the

front or in a winning situa-

tion, but I did not expect to

have the situation I had in

Melbourne, when a mistake

put me under pressure in

qualifying I expected not to

find my feet until we got back

to Europe after the first three

races, but the gap between Mika and me is bigger than l

"Inevitably, there is a ten-

dency to try too hard, but I try

to control that because that

can be counter-productive. I

am having to learn the

McLaren mould and I am

struggling. It is just taking

time, but I am working in a

great environment. The team

is desperate to win, but it is

realistic, too. They are being very understanding and.

hopefully, I can start to get

some results for them. Two

non-finishes is not what I had

thought it would be

Hussain to resume **England A** captaincy

NASSER HUSSAIN, who led England A on their successful cricket tour of Pakistan during the winter, will captain the side agains: The Rest in a fourday game at Chelmsford. starting on April 20. The 12man England A squad com-prises members of Hussain's tour party, while the Rest includes eight members of England's defeated squad from the tour of South Africa. from the tour of South Africa. ENGLAND A: N Hussain (Essex captan). N V Kinghi (Wanwickhare I & McGrath (Yorkshire) D P Ostter (Wanwickshire), J C Pooley (Middlesen), R C Irani (Essex), K J Piper (Warwickshire, wicketheeper), I D K Safebury (Sussex), D W Headley (Nen), R D Stemp (Yorkshire), T A Munton (Warwickshire), E S H Giddlins (Sussex). THE REST: R C Russalf (Gloucestershire, captant-wicketheeper), M D Moxon (Yorkshire), J E R Gallian (Lancashire), J P Crawley (Lancashire), G P Thorpe (Surrey), M R Ramprakash (Middlesen), M Wattinson (Lancashire), R L Johnson (Middlesen), R K Illingworth (Worcestershire), M C Illott (Essex), G Chapple (Lancashire), P M Hutchlson (Yorkshire)

Shock defeats

Tennis: Gabriela Sabatini and Magdelena Maleeva suffered second-round defeats in the Family Circle Cup tournament in Hilton Head, South Carolina, yesterday, Sabatini, the No 4 seed from Argentina, lost 6-4, 6-2 to Irina Spirlea, of Romania. Maleeva, a finalist last year and the No 5 seed. lost 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 to Barbara Paulus, of Austria.

Conchita Martinez, the No I seed, from Spain, cruised past Silvia Farina, of Italy, 6-1, 6-2 while her compatriot. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, fought back to beat Martina Hingis, of Switzerland 0-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Mass paddle

Canoeing: More than 400 canoeists will race from Devizes to Westminster starting today in classes for senior and junior doubles, singles, and veterans (over-35) combined with juniors (under-18). Mark Phillips and Richard Lewis, of the Royal Marines, and Robin Williams and Ewan Cox, from the Wey club, are favourites in the senior K2 race. Jimmy Butler, from Nottingham, is favoured in the singles, while Peter Burbridge and Andrew Bannister head the junior challenge.

Olympic preview

Cycling: The new Olympic velodrome, at Stone Mountain will be opened specially for Graeme Obree, the world pursuit champion and recordholder, for a two-hour training session on Monday. The Scot will be on his way to the World Cup in Hayana. Obree and Yvonne McGregor, the women's one-hour world recordholder, will also inspect the

Peace offering

Boxing: Steve Robinson, the former World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion, has been offered the chance to meet Tom Johnson, of the United States, for the International Boxing Federation crown next month. The Welshman claims he deserved a larger purse when he made his unsuccessful defence against Naseem Hamed last autumn. The Johnson fight is seen as a peace offering from the promoter, Frank Warren, who disputes the claim.



Woosnam, hampered by occasional bad shots, was not happy with his par 72

Williams BY PHIL YATES

to restrain

Clampers

unable

WHILE John Higgins, the title-holder, Peter Ebdon and Alan McManus all survived final-frame finishes to reach the last 16 of the British Open snooker championship in Plymouth yesterday, Mark Williams provided the most notable drama of the day.

Williams, who underlined his enormous potential by winning the Regal Welsh Open in January, went into his match with Neal Foulds smarting from the indignity of having his car wheel-clamped outside the arena. He then showed no restraint in speeding to a 5-1 success that left his

opponent gasping.
"I can honestly say that is the best anyone has ever played against me throughout my career," Foulds, a professional for 13 years, said.

Higgins was forced to recover from a 4-3 deficit to edge past Jason Ferguson, of Mans-field, 5-4. The Scot, below par as a result of a stomach upset and breaking in a new cue tip, won the eighth frame with a break of 70 and managed to wipe out a deficit of 31-5 in the

McManus extended his match-winning sequence in ranking tournaments to eight by bearing Steve James 5-4. but the Glaswegian, who lifted the Thailand Open trophy in Bangkok last month, had to

rally from 2-4. There was a similarly precarious passage for Ebdon. who benefitted from a benevolent run of the ball, particularly in the last frame, to beat Dennis Taylor 5-4.

Fines fail to give Montgomerie an edge on the greens

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA

AS THE sun threatened to burst through the ever-present clouds, Colin Montgomerie trudged up from the 9th green, his 18th hole, to a scorer's tent at the Atlanta Country Club to sign his card. He duly authenticated his score, a 71, and noted that it left him five strokes behind John Wilson, the early leader, and one stroke ahead of Ian Woosnam, in the first round of the BellSouth Classic. Montgomerie wrinkled his nose. His golf, he seemed to imply, had been neither particularly living up to its nickname of

good nor particularly bad.

Montgomerie had set out with the aim of improving his approach putting. He had not been able to set the bell up to been able to get the ball up to the hole at the weekend in The Players Championship in Jacksonville and Bill Ferguson, his coach, fined him \$5 each time he left a putt short. In practice on Wednesday, the world No 2 tried slowing down his back swing in an attempt to strike the ball better, knowing that the bentgrass greens here are very similar in speed to those he will encounter at Augusta next

It did not work. Montgomerie left putts short on both his last two greens. "I must have left half my approach putts short," Montgomerie said. "I really banged that last one up the hill and it still didn't get there. These greens must be really grainy."

It was one of those overcast mornings when the sun threatened to break through yet never seemed to and Montgomerie's golf looked as though it might burst into life yet did not quite. He wore dark trousers, dark shirt topped by a brown sweater, which made him look sombre and, as he passed a barbecue grill, he winced visibly. Chicken at this time in the morning," he said. It was 9.30 and he had been up since half past five. Atlanta was not

Hotlanta. The Atlanta Country Club is set in dramatic scenery in Marietta, full of gulches, crags and rocky outcrops. It is one of the hilliest courses on the US PGA Tour, so hilly that com-petitors are shuttled in golf carts up from the 7th green to the 8th tee. "It's good I lost that weight." Montgomerie said contemplating all the swooping fairways, the plunging tee shots, the heart-stopping uphill trudges. There are some serious hills here. I'd feel it if I

Montgomerie followed a bogey on the 11th with a birdie on the next and then birdied the 14th, only to bogey the 15th. On the 17th, his second ended 15ft from the flag and his shoulders slumped, as though he had missed the green. The 18th, rising and bending to the left, gave him a chance to hit a fairway wood, a shot he plays

better than anyone in the world, and a birdie followed. It was noticeable on this hole and on the 9th how far David Duval, one of the rising young men on the American tour, hits the ball. His ball ended 50 yards further than Montgomerie's.

"It's a very shut-faced ac-tion," Bill Ferguson, Montgomerie's coach, who was walking among the spectators accompanying this match, explained. "He de-lofts the club. Others hit a seven-iron, he hits an eight. You'd think he would tend to hit the ball left, but he comes under it at impact and straightens it out that way."

Montgomerie's ninth round of the year took his total to 33 under par. "I'm level par on the par fives and that's not good enough." he said. Then he walked away, anxious to find something to eat and keen to practice his putting. "It was not satisfactory."

Woosnam said after his 72. "Level par. The odd bad shot here and there seems to be stopping me making a score." On the 8th, Woosnam was

twice bunkered - from the tee and by the green. That resulted in one of his three bogies. On the 15th, his drive found water and his third ended in a bunker. On the 17th, he hit a poor drive, a seven-iron from the depths of a divot on the fairway and then, smiling to himself, holed from 30 feet. It was his third birdie of the day.

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species its jūzz."

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of thy bill/ To fret the summer jenneting." (b) The characteristic impression given by an animal or plant. "Miss Quick obviously looks at her birds more than once and does so with an artist's eye for those peculiarities of shape, outline and stance which give a

(a) A bird, the wryneck (Iymx or Iymx torquilla). From the Greek ium the wryneck, a bird made use of in witchcraft, hence a charm, a spell. "A youth or females hold a bird, supposed to be the jynx, in their hands." How odd that there should be three homonyms, jynx/jinks/jinx, with such a diversity of meaning.

(a) A cuckold, a hen-pecked man, a noodle, a simpleton. With reference to the horns of a cuckold and the horns of a hoddy-dod or shell-snail.

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Harbridge, the directors of London Towers, the Bud-weiser League champions,

were trying to suppress a

chuckle yesterday at the recollections of times when the

club, which nowadays never

contemplates defeat, wanted

"It was cheaper that way."

Harbridge said, recalling the days when the Towers went

into cup competitions praying

for away ties, which cost

nothing to stage. If an away

game was not forthcoming, then an honourable defeat

was the next best thing. "It

was better to get narrowly

beaten than go somewhere

like Kingston and get wiped

out," he said.

Doncaster stand between Souyave and title

BY ALIX RAMSAY

GIVEN the choice between the European Cup Winners Cup and an away match with Doncas ter, which do you think would excite the Hightown player-coach more? There is, it seems, no contest. Maggie Souyave's thoughts are firmly on

As the AEWHA Cupholders, Hightown are in Rotterdam this weekend for the cup winners' competition. Four matches in four days gives them the chance to equal their last European outdoor campaign in 1993, when they won the silver medal. To get a shot at gold or silver. Hightown must finish top of their group, which means beating Dinamo Sumy, from Ukraine, Libertas San Saba, from Italy, and the home club, Rotterdam.

"You've got to win every match." Souyave said. There are no second chances. The opportunity to go to Europe doesn't come around very often, so we have got to perform. We are going for a medal, but, with Rotterdam in the group, it is going to be a difficult task.

Yet Souyave has other motives for getting a good performance out of her side in Rotterdam. A good result in Europe could kick-start Hightown's league challenge. With the title there for the taking last week, Hightown sturnbled to win just one point from two matches. That left them needing to beat Doncaster next Saturday. It was Doncaster who knocked Hightown out of

the cup in February. We should have tied it all up last weekend, but now we have to go for it against Doncaster." Souyave said. "We have never had such a good chance to win the league. You don't normally get two bites at

The thought of the exhausting Easter schedule has its positive side, too. "Europe gives us a chance to forget about the league for a while," she said, "but we will be facing tough opposition, which will make us play to our very best and keep us sharp and in tune. It can lift our confidence for the Doncas-

ter match." Souyave is not known for her flights of fancy. Hard working, serious, dedicated — but Souyave the dreamer? Not really. Yet dangle the carrot of her first league title and the old campaigner cannot help but muse on the outcome. "We've done most other things at Hightown and every one knows it is my ultimate ambition to win the league," she said. "I will never have, or be given, a chance like this again. I can tell you this — I will be running my heart out that day." Doncaster had better be prepared.

London tower above domestic rivals

Nicholas Harling tracks the route to success taken by a squad of basketball nomads who have high ambitions of European glory

From such small acorns do mighty oak trees grow, al-though, to be fair, when he founded the club in 1974 as Tower Hamlets, Childs did fantasize about such events as the crowning of his Towers at Wembley Court on Wednesday. "I did actually believe then that we might one day win the league," he said. "The only thing was that I didn't think it would take us 22 years." Nor did he envisage that the league's crystal bowl would follow two trophies won earlier in the season. Childs, a teacher at John

Cass School, in Stepney, had walked into the sixth form common room to ask Harbridge, among others, if he wanted to start a club. "No way," Harbridge said, but Childs was persistent. "None of us had ever played before, but, with the help of Roy's friends from college, we found ourselves in a two-bit league. The whole thing was run on a shoe-string as we're not rich

They were not rich boys, but, most certainly, they were streetwise. The venues changed for the better, and so

did the name. After playing in sports centres at Eastway. Wapping and Newham, the Hamlets moved into the London Arena and became known as London Docklands. From there, the capital's nomads took off to the Sobeli Centre, in Islington, and adopted their present

A chance meeting with Bar-ry Marshall, the owner of Marshall Arts, the music promoters, followed and the club's most significant deal yet was negotiated - the Towers were off to Wembley Court.

best coach, was secured at the start of last season and when Steve Bucknall, the outstanding English player, came under Cadle's guidance last autumn, it was obvious that Marshall was serious.

Danny Lewis and Tony Windless, two talented American players, needed little persuading to return for another season and now Europe is their oyster, possibly with a squad reinforced by several more Americans. Should that materialise, Wembley Court may not be big enough. It is why Wembley Arena will al-most certainly be the club's permanent home from next season, a home fit for

Happy return for Wallace The BBC Orchestras. Radio 3, 2.00pm. Little did Radio 3 think, when it scheduled this BBC Scottish

Little did Radio 3 think, when it scheduled this BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra concert, that it would be one of the beneficiaries of the 1996 Oscars. I wonder how many extra listeners will tune in because one of the works will be a portrait of Sir William Wallace, the listenerty Scottish nationalist? Braveheart. Mel Gibson's unreliable film biography of Wallace, won five Oscars. If Radio 3 unreliable film biography of Wallace, won five Oscars. If Radio 3 wanted to capitalise on Braveheart, which is unlikely, it could do worse than advertise it on air. "See the movie, hear the music". Not that what we hear today has anything to do with Gibson. Sir William Wallace was written in 1905 by a Scot. His name? William Wallace.

Les Miserables. Radio 2, 1.30pm.

One October night almost 11 years ago, I sat in the Barbican in London theatre and kept looking at my watch. Was the show never going to end? Didn't anyone realise that, in the theatre and going to end? Didn't anyone realise that, in the incare aith everywhere else, enough is as good as a least? Evidently someone did. Hall an hour was lopped off Les Misérables before it transferred to the Palace Theatre. The leaner version was given a concert performance at the Albert Hall last October, celebrating the musical's tenth anniversary. The recording of this gala occasion is rebroadcast this afternoon. The 250 artists and 100 musicians taking part were drawn from some of the 30 productions the show has had Peter Davaile throughout the world.

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Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa);
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K618: Les Arts Florissants
under William Christie);
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under Michael Tilson Thomas)
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Tcherepnin (Three Pieces Michael Thompson Horn Cuartet); Mozart (Serenade in E flat, K375); 11.00 Artist of the Week: Dawn Upshaw,

soprano. Gorecki (Symphony No 3, Symphony of Somowlui Songs)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
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terms and expressions 5.15 in Tune with Jeremy Nicholas, Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture, Russian Easter Festival); Haydin (Piano Trio in A); Moszkowski, orch Cabbasakar (Capation)

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7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Maryn Brabbins, Peter Donohoe, piano, Britten (Johnson over Jordan); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 3) Dvorak

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8.55 Cultural Baggage.
Taxonomy (20/20)

9.15 Cappella Pratensis.
Rebecca Slewart directs the ensemble in the first of two programmes of music by Josquin for the three holy

days of Easter 10.00 Hear and Now introduced by Andrew Sparling. The Nast Ensemble under Lionel Friend, with Patricia Rozario, soprano. Elena Firsova (Before the Thunderstorm): John Tavener (Akhmatova Settings]; Gyorgy Kurtag (Schumann Hommage) -1.00am Composer of the Week: Rubbra (r)

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4.45 Short Story: Living History
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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

Weighting game suits McCracken

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT-

MICKEY DUFF could find himself managing two world champions at middleweight by the end of this year ---Richie Woodhall, of Telford, and Robert McCracken, of

Birmingham. Woodhall, as the World Boxing Council No I, is waiting for a date to meet Keith Holmes, the champion, while McCracken, after retaining his Commonwealth championship in seven rounds against Paul Busby, of Worcester, on Wednesday, is to seek another version of the world title.

McCracken's showing against Busby has encouraged his critics to think that he could be on the road to success. For the past two years, McCracken has not only struggled to make the light-middleweight limit, but also to discipline himself. Now at a more comfortable weight, he believes that he can achieve higher goals.

"I looked awful in my previous five fights," Mc-Cracken said. "I wasn't training, but I know I can get better. Two or three more fights and you'll see the real

RADIO 4 5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.50 Fergal Kaane's Letter to His Son 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Falklands veteran Simon Weston (r)

Weston (r)

9.45 African Harvest. The second of a four-part series about southern Africa, with Allan

10.00-10.30 News; Beyond Reasonable Doubt (FM only). The files of murder cases are reopened to examine possible

miscarriages of justice (3/6) 10.00 There is a Green Hill (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only until 11.00). Sarah Durian talks to the dancer Darcy Bussell

10.45-11.00 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Program
12.55 Weather
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Tim Marlow takes a look at the new paintings in Liverpool Cathedral and a new collection of cricket writings

6.00 Str O'Clock News
6.30Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a topical
debate in New Milton.
Hampshire. The panellists are
Sir Nicholas Bonsor. MP.
Foreign Office Minister,
Emma Nicholson, Liberal
Democrat MP, Sue Stipman.
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6.00 Stx O'Clock News

Director of the London TEC Council; and Tony Banks, MP Points of Departure. Six journalists who have won the James Corneron Memorial Prize talk of their most

Prize talk of their most memorable experiences. This week's guest is Ed Vullimary (3/6) (r)

9.15 Letter from America by Alistar Cooke

9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature (r)

9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustic

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11.00 Mammon. The first of a

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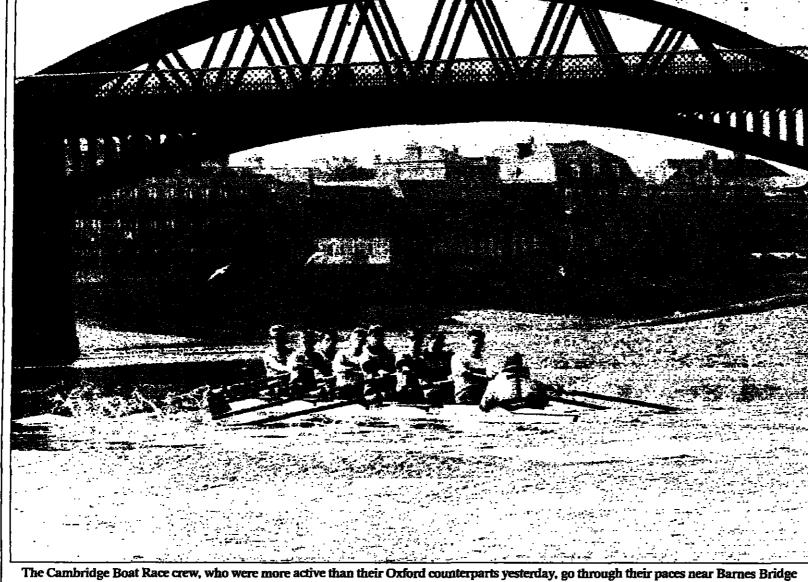
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Veterans set pace for successors

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

BORIS RANKOV, 39, won his seventh Boat Race in Oxford colours on the Tideway yesterday. He was rowing at No 3 in an Oxford veteran crew that beat their Cambridge counternarts by two thirds of a length in a race from Putney to Hammersmith Pier. The contest, suggested a year ago, was no "jolly".

The race rules required the crews to have an average age of 40, with no member under 35. The participants had been training since last autumn and were selected on their

ergometer scores. If the younger Blues can produce a similar battle on Saturday, a treat will be in store. Yesterday, the lead changed three times and Ox-

ford, on Surrey, took their winning margin in the last minute. Their time — 7min 3lsec — was very respectable. The oldest competitor was the Oxford No 2, Alex Lindsay, 59, a Blue in 1959 and 1960. For Andy Hall, rowing at No 6, it was a first Boat Race success, having lost to Cambridge by a total of 36 lengths between 1970 and 1973. The two veteran crews will join their young successors in races against

Yale and Harvard in Atlanta on April 13. The present Boat Race crews both undertook quiet early-morning paddles. Harry Mahon, the Cambridge finishing coach, had made some rig adjustments and was pleased with the outcome. Later, both Oxford and Cambridge spent time with the race umpire. Mike Sweeney, who will be



carrying out his duties for the fifth time.

His view of his job, which he will undertake under the watchful gaze of seven million people in Britain and many more in 13 countries taking live television pictures, is straightforward. Keep it simple. A simple start, with the umpire saying as few words as possible and hopefully maintaining a low profile throughout the race. Clearly the two

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Cambridge, and Todd Kristol, the American, of Oxford, got the message. Whyman knows the start command "will be short and sweet". Kristol said: The umpire made it very clear. I've got it under control."

Cambridge took more advantage of the availability of the stake boats and the umpire than their rivals. Oxford, the first in the queue, ventured just one flat-out start, hitting 46 and dropping to 42 in half a minute. They appeared to achieve cover only on the ninth stroke and their blades were rather deeply covered. An expected second full-out effort did not materialise. "We were pretty happy with the one we did," Kristol said. "It is up to Dan Topolski, the

Oxford coach to decide

coxes, Kevin Whyman, of whether we do another one. Cambridge decided on three attempts, two of 20 strokes and one of a full minute. In all. they were covering on seven strokes and, in the minute, went off at 46 and steadled to

> considerably calmer when Cambridge went to work, but they did look quick out of the TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford 9am and 12.30pm, Cambridge 10am and 2pm OXFORD VETERANS: J Billows, age 41, no Blue: A Lindsay, 59, Blue 1959-60: B Rankov, 39, Blue 1978-81: A Kirtpastjick, 36, Blue 1962: S Plunkett, 42, Blue 1970-73; P Maradien, 37, Blue 1984: N Holland, 38, Blue 1982: Coc. R Quarrell, women's Blue 1991.

CAMBRIOGE VETERANS: T Reynolds, 37, Blue 1984; R Winchless, 52, Blue 1967-68; N James, 46, Blue 1971-72; M Hart, 44, Blue 1972-73, P Summers, 46, no Blue, J Tompidns, 41, no Blue, A Cooke, 54, Blue 1963; D Sprague, 44, Blue 1974 Coxt M Heycock, Blue 1933-94.

Unfortunately, for compari-

son purposes, the water was

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 4. Pointless Road Sign.

Last summer, Stephen and Joanne Pecker, were on their way to meet some very old friends, the Bells. They had arranged to meet over a refreshing pint of that king of ales, Raddles County at the Singing Lark Pub, deep in the countryside.

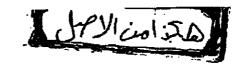
After passing through Little Norton, they reached a crossroads. Their friends' instructions said "Follow signs to Chipping Sherbourne," But the signpost had been knocked over and they were unable to tell

> A: \ which direction to take. Not having a map, they sat in their car trying to decide which of three possible roads they should take. After 20 minutes

Ted Buras, delivery driver for Ruddles Brewery, came across them, and was able to guide them to the pub. They speat the rest of the afternoon catching up with their old friends over a flavoursome pint of County.

The Bells told them how they could have discovered the right way to go without Ted's help. Could you have pointed them in the right direction?

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spring, sun and all those meraphors that involve sap. Or it could, more probably, be something in the television schedules. Certainly last night there was no escaping it. Nothing graphic, mind you; nothing that could offend a reasonably broad-minded maiden aunt, but there nevertheless, in an allpervading sort of way.

We began in Glasgow's gay community, or at least the glossy colour supplement version of it created by the makers of Taggart (ITV). An hour later we ended with the aggressively heterosexual Mike Jardine embarking on a relationship with a young woman who was HIV positive and with Jackie Reid set to be whisked off her feet by a bisexual bar owner. Just as I was wondering what Taggart would have made of it all. Taggart muttering something brief and unprintable shortened.

Venturing into an area where so much mainstream drama still fears to tread (especially for three consecutive weeks) was a brave decision for the producers at STV. Cleverly, they took the precaution of making Jardine (James Macpherson) a closet homophobic begrudging political correctness on the outside, but a mass of oldfashioned prejudice within. Few people, I suspect, will admit to identifying with Jardine's standpoint, but that doesn't matter. Its purpose was to make a "difficult" subject accessible and in this I hope it succeeded.

For while this may not have been a Taggari quite out of the top drawer, it was one of the best since STV decided to press on with the series after the death of Mark

fondness for cinematic style over television substance run away with him, but he just about stayed the right side of pastiche. The glass eye lodged in the bars of a drain,

however, was pushing it.

more serious lapse concerned an apparent determ-Aination to include a romantic heterosexual subplot in Glenn Chandler's otherwise well constructed script. Jardine may be insensitive, but it was simply impossible to believe that he would flirt so outrageously with a woman whose gay brother was our serial killer's second victim. In the middle of a "multiple mudder" investigation, suddenly we found ourselves back in Gregory's Girl.

If there was to be romance, I

think DS Reid ought to have been



allowed a fling with her bisexual bar owner. Blythe Duff had been magnificent throughout as the liberal, tolerant but rather confused Reid. About time she had a walk on the wild side.

As far as I know nobody knows what percentage of Glaswegian men have had a homosexual experience (and it would take a brave researcher to find out) but when it comes to Americans we

Last night Kinsey's career got the very gentlest of maulings at the hands of **Reputations** (BBC2) in a film that enjoyably failed to live up to the bold promises of its introduction. Was his data unreliable? Well maybe. Was his own sex life particularly extraordinary? Probably not. Did he have a secret moral agenda? Possibly.

If all that sounds a bit dull, the film itself was not. With so little reputation-wrecking ammunition at her disposal. Clare Beaven stuck to the life and extraordinary times of Kinsey, as told by a well-picked cast of family, colleagues and distinguished former Kinsey interviewees such as Gore Vidal and William Burroughs, two men who could probably have hit 37 per cent all by themselves. Vidal recalled being thrilled by the finding: "He

had on America was told through headlines and humour. I particularly liked Victor Cohn, a former science reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune. "Here we are with this prudish society and suddenly Kinsey tells us that more than 50 per cent of women have had premarital intercourse. Well, wow, we didn't know that." It needs to be read in a James Stewart accent especially the wow.

7 ith all that behind us, the standard heterosexual. intra-marital experience ought to have been straightforward. But when the aim is reproduction, it isn't always, as we learnt in Making Babies (BBC1), a fly-on-the-wall documentary series based in and around Professor Robert Winston's infertility clinic at Hammersmith Hospital.

The series is far from easy going. especially for feeble males such as myself who faint at the mere mention of deep muscle injections (thud) ... let alone childbirth (thud). Last night's first programme took Tania and Ray, a slightly naive but very likeable couple, through the difficult first steps of in-vitro fertilisation. It was painful and hard work for Tania, tacky and pretty effortless for Ray.

But just as painful was the communication problem Joanna Clinton-Davis's film exposed, the problem that Winston has in communicating realistic expectations to his patients ("I trade in disappointment") and the growing communication problem between husband and wife. "I don't think they [men] have the right things to say," sobbed Tania. To judge by the laddish banter at the garage where Ray works, she was spot-on.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

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(s) (7179476) 8.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (r) (Ceefax) (64834) 9.00 News (Ceefax) (5220308)

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10.30 FILM: Tron (1982) with Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner. Computer games adventure: spirited but dated Directed by Steven Lisberger (Ceefax) (58389) 12.00 No Story So Divine. Examination of the

story of Jesus on the road to Calvary (s) 1.00pm One O'Clock News and weather (42035834) 1.10 Regional News

1.15 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (86225259) 1.35 FILM: Quo Vadis? (1951) with Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr Epic about the per-secution of Christians in Rome under the

Emperor Nero (Peter Ustinov, letting rip). Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (93710785) 4.20 Disney Time (Ceefax) (s) (2497143) 5.05 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8462834) 5.25 News (Ceefax) and weather (8482698)

5.45 Regional News (611308) 5.50 DiDi the Orang-utan. The moving story of DIDi, a seven-year-old orang-utan who was illegally smuggled to Talwan to be sold as a luxury pet in the 1980s (Ceefax)

6.40 Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave. The latest Oscar-winning animation by Nick Park (r) (Ceefax) (s) (134834) N.L.: 6.40 FILM: K-9 8.15 Operation Survival 7.10 FILM: K-9 (1989) with James Belushi and Mel Hanis: Tom Dooley is a crazy cop just one step away from making the biggest drug bust of his life. His problem is that only a highly-trained alsaitan police dog will work with him. Directed by Bod Daniel (Cesta) (e) 1720-1475)

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9.35 Screen One: Eskimo Day. With Alec Guinness and Maureen Lioman (Ceefax) (s) (3747921) 11.00 The Road to Golgotha. Reflection on the Crucificion of Jesus (s) (439495)

11.15 FILM: Last Embrace (1979) with Roy Scheider and Janet Margolin. After his wife is murdered, a government agent job and becomes paranoid about suffering the same fate as his wife Directed by Jonathan Demme (982698)

12.55am FILM: Young and Innocent (1937, b/w) Hitchcock murder mystery with Nova Pilbeam and Derrick de Marney. A man reports that a body has been washed up on the beach and is horrified when he becomes the prime suspect (9760896) 2.15 Weather (5082419) WALES: 2.10 News headlines and weather (5083148)

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6.00am Open University: Biology (7978766) 6.25 16th-century Venice and Antwerp (7980501) 6.50 Understanding Modern Societies (8964143)

7.20 See Hear Breakfast News (1782650) 7.30 FILM: The Roaring Twenties (1939, b/w) with James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. Eddie Barlett returns home after the First World War to discover his old job has been filled in his absence and embarks on a new career as a bootlegger. Directed by Raoul Walsh

9.10 FILM: Across the Pacific (1942, b/w) with Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. Rick Letand is given a take discharge from the US Army and assigned to trail a

suspected enemy agent. Directed by John Huston (61855292) 10.45 FILM: Key Largo (1948, b/w) with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacail. A mobster takes over a hotel and its

nhabitants. Directed by John Huston (Cestex) (105394) 12.25pm Shakers — Hands to Work, Hearts to God (2313650)

1.25 The St Matthew Passion. Jonathan Miller's acclaimed version of Bach's 1727 Passion (r) (56729105)

4.00 Today's file Day (s) (969) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (853) 5.00pm Esther(s) (8037) 5.30 The Munsters(b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (980389)

5.55 The Champions (Ceelax) (178834) 6.45 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden. Rationing was introduced in January 1940 and quickly stimulated creative cookery (2/8) (r) (Ceetax) (s) (864766) 7.15 Watch Out. Simon King presents the



Emmylou Harris guests (7.30pm)

The Transatizatic Sessions
First of six music programmes (Ceefax) (582) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Tiff Needell previews the British Touring Car Championship (Ceefax) (s) (7921)

8.30 Gardeners' World Easter Specia (Ceefax) (s) (895940)

The Essential Olympics.

Des Lynam presents a review of the modern summer Olympic Games, born 100 years ago tomorrow (55089563) 11.30 Fantasy Football League. Frank Skinner and David Baddiel are joined by

(s) (58360) 12.00 This Life: Living Dangerously (r) Ceetax) (s) (3929612) 12.45am The All-New Alexei Sayle Show (r)

Angus Deayton and Roger De Courcey

(s) (76322) 1.15 FILM: Lord Love a Duck (1966, b/w) with Roddy McDowall and Tuesday Weld.
Satire set in a progressive 1960s Californian high school. Directed by

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The Transatlantic Sessions BBC2, 7,30pm

Filmed on the west coast of Scotland, this is an easygoing series of folk music in which the singers and instrumentalists are there to enjoy themselves and not concerned about plugging their latest disc. The international flavour is provided by the fiddler hosts, Aly Bain from Shetland and the New Yorker Jay Ungar, and the artists are drawn from Scotland, North America and Ireland, With no compere to promote them or audience to appland them, the numbers are left to speak for themselves. This, most effectively, they do. The performers are assembled in a hotel in Ayrshire but the currera moves outside for appropriate embellishment, as when a nighttime seascape is used to back Ready For the Storm, sung by Kathy Mattea from Nashville and Dougie MacLean. Another country star. Emmylou Harris, performs Wheels of Love with Mary Black.

The Essential Olympics BBC2, 9,15pm

Archive fontage, interviews and Desmond Lynam chronicle the first 100 years of the modern Olympic Games. If British successes feature overprominently, there have not been that many to celebrate. Poignant is the memory of one Rowland George, a rowing gold medallist at Los Angeles in 1932. All his achievement rated was a few lines on an inside page of his local paper. Today, with television poking its cameras into every corner, he would be an immediate national hero. Jerky black and white images of men with baggy shorts and splendid moustaches recall the time when competition was still for fun. More recently, the story is an unedifying cocktail of terrorism, political boycotts, commercialism and drugs scandals. We can only hope that Atlanta 1996 will be spared at least some of these blights. .

Eskimo Day BBC1. 9.35pm

Jack Rosenthal's comedy follows three anxious teenagers on a trip to Cambridge to The parents go, too, and part of the loke is that they are even more on edge than their offspring. The social interplay between the simple-minded Lancashire couple (Maureen heeled, eternally-feuding counterparts from Cheltenham (Anna Carteret and Tom Wilkinson) is particularly funny wellobserved. In a parallel story, the don conducting the interviews has a cussed old father (Alec Guinness) who is himself being interviewed for a sheltered home. Enjoyable though the piece is, it tends to moves along the same plane and seems in danger of fizzling out. But Rosenthal is a very seasoned practitioner and he produces a dramatic climax at just the right time.

Rory Bremner ... Who Else? Channel 4. 10.30pm

Since in the interests of topicality the show is completed only hours before it reaches the screen, the contents cannot be revealed in advance. But a glance over the week's news stories should give some idea. It goes without saying that Bremner is a superb mimic, in voice as well as gesture. But impersonations for their own sake soon become tedious. Bremner takes his talent further by putting it to the cause of satire which is sharp, furny and often goes deep. With the decline of Spirting Image the show has become the main forum for cutting public figures down to size. As before the supporting attraction is John Bird and John Fortune, whose dialogues brilliantly expose the fudges and evasions of politicians, spin-doctors and captains of industry. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (3016652) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7385037) 9.55 Batman - the

Animated Series (r) (s) (6968124) 10.20 Cartoon Time (4237037) 10.25 FILM: Danielle Steel's Daddy (1991) with Patrick Duffy as a lone tather

bringing up his three children (Teletext) (s) (62284853)

12.15pm Hast Thou Forsaken Me? A Meditation for Good Friday (326921) 12.45 News and weather (Teletext) (67474105) 1.00 Stuntmasters (3731308) 1.45 FILM: Watership Down (1978) An

animated adaptation of Richard Adams's classic novel about a group of rabbits. Directed by Martin Rosen (Teletext) (s)

3.30 FILM: Over the Top (1987) starring Sylvester Stallone An arm-wrestling drama directed by Manahem Golan (s) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (5359378)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (430969) 6.00 HTV News (871853) 6.05 Roy Castle - Look Back and Smile

6.35 Bagdad Cafe with Whoopi Goldberg (s)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right(Teletext) (s) (5327) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (308)

8.00 The Biff. Boulton's investigation of a local bookie raises suspicions about Beech's private life (Teletext) (1747) 8.30 The Upper Hand. Charlie comes

unstuck when he lectures Joanna on the subject of teenage drinking (r) (Teletext)



Roberts and Scott (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Dying Young (1991). A Hollywooden romance, with Julia Roberts playing nursemaid to a young man (played by Campbell Scott) who is dying

of leukaemia. Directed by Schumacher (Teletext) (s) (5414) 11.00 News and weather (Teletext) (424563) 11.10 HTV West Headlines (247501)

11.15 FILM: Who's Harry Crumb? (1989) with John Candy. Comedy about an ineol detective struggling to solve a kidnapping case. Directed by Paul Flaherty (152360)

1.05 Hotel Babylon (s) (4760780) 1.45 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) 2.45 FILM; The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

(1968) with Alan Arkin and Stacy Keach Jr. Drama based on a novel by Carson McCullers about the mental cruelty and ioneliness a deaf mute experiences when he moves to be near his best friend. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller (85238186) 4.50 ITV Sport Mini Classics (23567493)

5.00 On the Live Side (66438) 5.30 Morning News (51419)

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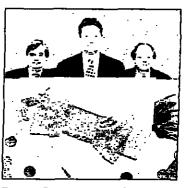
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best friend, Maryann (Christine Baranski) (Teletext) (5) (2834) 9.30 Father Ted. Cornedy about three priests

10.00 Roseanne. Becky is so depressed by an evening at the Connors that she decides to study medicine (Teletext) (s) (69389)



Fortune, Bremner and Bird (10.30pm

11.10 Penn & Teiler. Teller is almost mutilated by a steel bear-trap, and run over by a sixtonne truck. Penn displays a seduction technique (r) (871872)

12.10am T.F.I. Friday (r) (s) (5010612) 1.15 FiLM: 6,5 Special (1958, b/w) with Avril Leslie, Diane Todd, Pete Murray and Jo Douglas. A British musical inspired by the

couple moving into a haunted house and learning its gruesome secrets from the resident ghost. Directed by Vernon Sewell (Teletext) (4333815) Ends at 3.35

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4.00pm Time Travellers (6573124) 4.30 Human/Nature (657338) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (6631501) 5.30 Voyager (6553360) 6.00 Liteboar (6583501) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (9270747) 7.30 Arthur C Clarks S World of Strange Powers (6570037) 8.00 Jurasses 2 (4092678) 9.00 Justice Files (4005143) 10.00 Clarsic Wheet (4008230) 11.00-12.00 The Professionals (1233124)

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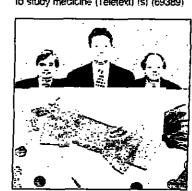
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7.05 True Love Walts. A Witness

in the British climate (Teletext) (s) (9389) 8.30 Brookside. Patricia faces car trouble and an ultimatum (Teletext) (s) (1124) 9.00 Cybill. Cybill has a spiritual crisis and heads for the desert to meditate with her

and their housekeeper living on an island off Ireland (Teletext) (s) (69245)



10.30 CHOCF Rory Bremner — Who Else? (s) (779673)

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New contenders nominated

Plot thickens in cricket's new panel game

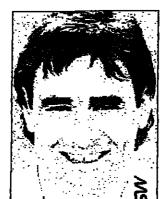
AS THE great Test selection soap opera offered ever more personalities as the artificial cure for England's cricketing decline, an altogether different solution was being proposed by the game's leading administrator. All will be well. according to Alan (A.C.) Smith, so long as the players have fun.

Smith, the chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, was speaking at a dinner in London to mark the publication of the 133rd Wisden Almanack. Even as he rose for one of his final speeches before retirement beckons in the autumn, further nominations for the selection vacancies were arriving at his office at Lord's, guaranteeing the most unwieldy of elections and increasing the likelihood that Smith and his staff will need to conduct a second ballot to settle tied

It is an intriguing prospect and a highly unusual one. In normal times, it is rare for more than three candidates to be put forward for the panel. or for the outcome of the ballot to be worth more than a

cursory mention in newspapers and a raised eyebrow in the saloon bar. These are not normal times, however. Cricketing folk are suddenly gripped with a restless remorse over the state of the national team and the nominees being checked in at Lord's yesterday are not nor-

mal contenders. Chris Cowdrey was the third recent England captain, after Ian Botham and Gra-ham Gooch, to be proposed, and Geoff Miller, who makes much of his living now from



Cowdrey: candidate

THE NINE CANDIDATES

Kim Barnett

Age: 62. Counties: Yorks, Notis, Derbys Opening bat, captain (Notis 1972, Derbys 1973-75). Tests: 7 (496 runs, avg 41 33) Profession: retired chief officer in local government; alter-dinner speaker.

Brian Bolus

Ian Botham Age: 40. Counties: Somerset Words, Durham. All-rounder Tests: 102 (5,200 runs, avg 33,54, 383 wkds, avg 28 40). Profession: TV personality/commentator

Chris Cowdrey

John Edrich Age: 58 County: Surrey Opening bat, captain (1973-77) Tests: 77 (5,138 runs.

Graham Gooch Age: 42. County: Essex. Opening bat, medium pace bowler, captain (1986-87, 1989-94). Tests: 113 (8,655 runs, avg. 43,49, 22 wkls, avg. 45,22). Profession: Chicketer.

David Graveney Age: 43. Counties: Gloucs, Some Durham Left-arm spinner, ca

Geoff Miller Age: 43 Counties: Derbys, Essex, All-rounder, captain (Derbys 1979-81) Tests: 34 (1,213 runs, avg 25.80: 60 wkts, avg 30,98) Profession: After-direrer speaker,

Fred Titmus

Age: 63 Counties: Micks, Surrey, Off-spinner, captain (Midds 1965-68), Tests: 53 (1,449 runs, avg 22:23; 153 wkts, avg 32:22), Profession: Sub post master. Compiled by Pat Gibson

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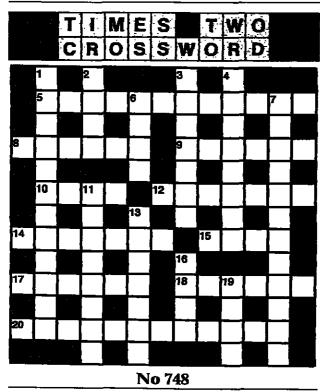
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of the ever-increasing field. There are now nine runners, quite enough to confuse the

counties who must each settle upon two of them and enough persuade one bookmaker, Sporting Index, to begin betting on the outcome. It makes Gooch and David Graveney favourites at 11-10, followed by Botham at 6-4. John Edrich and Miller are its 33-1

after-dinner speaking, added to the thoroughly modern feel

Smith is properly sceptical about the fuss. The identity of those picking the teams, even should they include the likes of Botham or Gooch, is a secondary matter, in his mind, to the state of mind of the men they choose. Here, Smith had the

"The single most important remedy for any failings in our national team is a sense of enjoyment and enthusiasm," he said. "I played for 17 summers and enjoyed every minute, but the demands are different now and much of the fun has gone from the players' existence." It might have sounded simplistic, even glib. but Smith had a profound point to make and he illustrated it with his observations of

the recent World Cup. "During Australia's im-probable win over West Indies," he said, "it was very noticeable to me that the Australian players kept smiling in all circumstances. The West Indians showed in their expressions that they did not enjoy the pressure. It told in

"Our top cricketers in this country play too much. English players are the only ones domestic home season and whose commitments are yearround. It is true that other countries seem to deal more successfully with the transition from 18-year-old to 25year-old players and we are certainly losing out on some talent along the way. But we must ask ourselves if we have the right environment to en-

courage it." Smith, plainly, is placing faith in the findings of the working party formed by David Acfield. The Acfield committee, which will be run on businesslike lines aided by commissioned research, will report in October on all aspects relating to the management and preparation of the

national team. The report may well propose a streamlining of the domestic structure, a scalingdown of the commitments of the leading players, an avenue to the return of a sense of occasion in their cricket even a sense of fun. By then, a summer will have passed under new selectors and Smith's first task is to conduct an unfamiliarly complex vote, which will yield a result on

Hall rallies to the defence of Keegan

THE defeat at Liverpool on Wednesday may have dented their title hopes, but Newcastle United remained defiant yesterday. Sir John Hall, the chairman, told critical supporters that they were

not wanted at St James's Park. "Stay away if you don't want to back Kevin [Keegan, the manager]," Hall said. "I have got no time for moaners and I have been appalled at the criticism from some quarters. These people should remember that four years ago, this club was heading for the old third division."

The loss of a 12-point lead at the top of the FA Carling Premiership has provoked criticism of Keegan's team selection and tactics in the local press and on radio from supporters who have doubted the wisdom of the introduction of Faustino Asprilla and David Batty. Outside Tyneside, others have suggested that the team's cavalier style is not conducive to win-

ning the championship.
"Everyone must remember that all is not lost," Hall said. "We can still win the title if we stick together. The critics should remember where we have been all season and give Kevin and his players credit for that. Kevin has said he would rather quit than play any differently. Well, he knows what he is doing. The vast majority of our fans are

truly magnificent, but we don't want the knockers at St James's Park when we play QPR [tomorrow]."

Keegan received further support yesterday from Alan manager. "They got beaten on Wednesday, but who could grumble about the way they played?" Ball asked. "There is a lovely phrase in football, 'winning in style', and that is what Newcastle have done all season. I still think they will win the league, because I think they will win on Saturday and if we do our job against [Manchester] United,

it will be wide open again." Ray Harford, the Blackburn Rovers manager, was also unwilling to write off Newcastle, although he suggested that Manchester United are favourites, on the day that Alex Ferguson and Eric Cantona won manager and player of the month awards for March respectively.

"You have to give Fergie credit after losing three players in the summer and for putting in the kids," Harford said. "He is an excellent manager, but Eric Cantona has been special. He has governed the team and it is unusual to have a player who is in such control and who scores you the important goals as well."

Defence mechanism, page 40

Ill feeling rife in Calcutta

INDIA yesterday lodged a complaint with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) over remarks made by the Sweden Davis Cup team. Carl-Axel Hageskog, the Sweden captain, was quoted on Wednesday as saying that their Davis Cup world group second-round tie against India in Calcutta could become a

Champagne moment: Ferguson and Cantona, of Manchester United, receive the awards for manager and player of the month yesterday

"hate match". The Indians have been really difficult. It feels like they want to muck us around on purpose," Hageskog said.

However, R. K. Khanna, honorary secretary-general of the Ali India Tennis Association (AITA), in a letter yesterday to Brian Tobin, the ITF president, said: "It is with great anguish, pain and shock that the association has been compelled to bring to your notice the most irresponsible, inciting and insulting remarks made by members of the Sweden team.

"They are not only contrary to the very spirit of the Davis Cup competition, but also to goodwill and understanding between nations."

Khanna urged the Davis Cup management committee and the ITF to lay down rules and code of conduct for teams. captains and players during

Davis Cup matches. There should be strong penalties imposed as these types of statements do not build 'bridges of friendship', which a Davis Cup-tie is

suppose to create. The bad feeling between the

By Our Sports Staff

countries began when Stefan Edberg, the former Wimbledon champion, said he was unavailable for the tie because he was worried about falling ill in India. In a previous cup match in India, Tony Pickard, Edberg's former coach, and a Swedish journalist, a friend of Edberg's, had both been taken

Hageskog then threatened to boycott the match after Indian customs officials held up special food and equipment. However, Khanna said that AITA had intervened and that the Sweden team's consignments had been "cleared

well in time". "It is really distressing that, starting from the damaging

statement of Stefan Edberg, the Sweden team has continued to make statements which not only smack of arrogance but also of bringing back racial overtones which have been denounced by the United Nations and ITF itself,"

Khanna said. ☐ Boris Becker has failed to recover from bronchitis and will miss Germany's Davis Cup quarter-final match with weekend.

☐ Dan Maskell, the television commentator who died in 1992, and Rosie Casals, the holder of 12 doubles titles in grand-slam tournaments, have been elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

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Hidden depths of stream game very year is the same and this year will be no different. As the Boat Martin Watts, who behest is no choice at coxed Oxford University

Race crews surge off the start, the coxes, from their seats in the stern, will have set a collision course. The crews converge, blades intertwine and the fight for the best line becomes more akin to grand prix motor racing than to this

traditional day on the river. With the Thames at Putney wide enough to accommodate several Boat Races alongside each other, why do the coxes do their best to scupper this annual fixture at the earliest opportunity?
The answer lies beneath the

surface of the river over which this contest is rowed. A dredged deep water channel. 20-foot wide, runs the length of the Boat Race course. Where the river is deepest, the water flows quickest. By dominating the "stream" to the exclusion of the other crew, an advantage of perhaps one third of a boat's length accrues every couple of minutes. Where the crews are of similar speed, as is anticipated tomor-

to victory in the 1990 Boat Race, tells of the currents that will be lurking above and below the surface of the Tideway once tomorrow's start has been called

row, the cox who steals the stream may also steal the race. For this reason, a Boat Race cox plays a game of nerves and bluff. Moving a few inches closer to your opponents may force them to move aside and give you the fastest water, but if they hold their ground and the blades clash,

chance will determine who comes out ahead. The stakes are high. With the crews screaming off the start, a clash of blades always risks an oar being torn from a rower's grasp. To grab it back in the heat of the race is nigh impossible. The blade trails, acting as a handbrake in the water. The race is lost



appear that the umpire is the ultimate arbiter of the course the crews should follow. Usually an Old Blue of some renown, he stands in the bows of his launch like a figurehead, cap in place and flag in

He is, in reality, as impotent as any spectator. He has the power to disqualify, but a sanction that would never be wielded (and in the Boat Race it never has) is no power at all. The cox should know this and although a nominal acceptance of the umpire's role is wise, a choice between keeping the best stream for your crew or giving way to your

the stream for their crew. When the Boat Race first saw two female coxes side-by-side in 1989, the clashing began after only 40 seconds and the umpire issued his first of 19

Past encounters have shown that coxes rarely have problems in deciding whether to follow the umpire or their own instincts, as to where they should steer to gain the best of

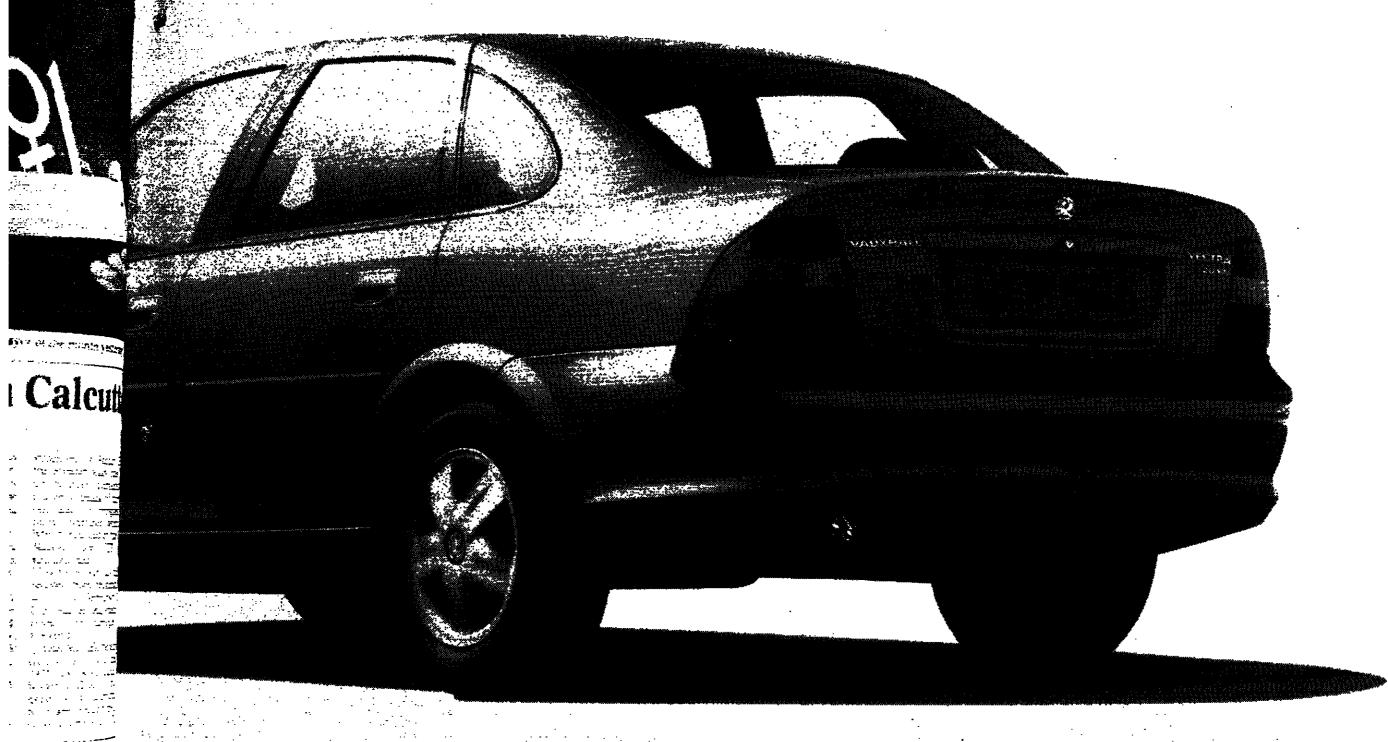
warnings - all to little avail. Oxford, under Alison Norrish, prevailed over her American counterpart, Leigh Weiss. Pre-race performances suggest that this 142nd Boat Race will be closely fought. With the crews of equal pace, the fight for the stream may dictate the who raises the Beefeater Trophy. So. when we watch the coxes - Todd Kristol, of Oxford, and Kevin Whyman, of Cambridge converge tomorrow, it is inevitable, but it will not be

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FBI agents examine suspect bomb at mountain retreat

Loner fits Unabomber profile

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

BOMB disposal experts were vesterday called to dismantle a device which was found beprimary suspect in the Unabomber case. Federal agents found the device after arresting Ted Kaczynski. 53, a former university teacher at his hand-built cabin in western Montana.

The unkempt Mr Kacz-ynski, considered a hermit by his few neighbours in Lincoln. Montana, was taken into custody and questioned in connection with a spate of bombings which began in 1978 and which placed the so-called Unabomber at the top of the FBI's most wanted list.

For the main suspect in such Kaczynski cut an extraordinary figure. His straggly beard, long hair and disdain for modern conveniences such as electricity and a car appeared to be more in keeping with a tramp than an alleged

The device found at the back of his cabin was described as a partly assembled bomb, but



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A photo-fit of the Unabomber and Mr Kaczynski's entry in the 1962 Harvard Yearbook

Mr Kaczynski went on to

teach maths at the University

of California. Berkeley, from

1967 to 1969. Inexplicably, he

then gave up Academe to take

up menial jobs in Utah in the 1970s. A decade ago he bought

land in Montana, a state

known not only for its haunt-

ingly beautiful wilderness but

also as a preferred destination

for loners who want to escape

was nonetheless being treated gingerly by police. "We're not sure if it is booby-trapped." tipped off the FBI, is a native of Illinois and was a high-performing student at Harsaid one agent. "We have an vard. He took a PhD at the explosives ordnance team X-University of Michigan, raying everything before we where his thesis was praised by the teaching staff. The University of Michigan was one of the Unabomber's tar-The suspect's psychological

gets in 1985.

profile is said to match that formed for the Unabomber, who has in the past pro-claimed a disdain for technology and the industrialisation of Western society. The meticulous bomber is wanted for the murder of three people and for injuring 23 others in a series of attacks. Targets were commonly universities or businesses linked to technology. Mr Kaczynski, who was arrested after his brother

from modern life. Photographs of a younger Mr Kaczynski betrayed similarities to the well-known police sketch of a moustachioed, hooded Unabomber. The jaw line was the same, and the lips were similarly thin and pursed

Mr Kaczynski's brother, David, found suspicious papers in the family attic one day. David Kaczynski is described as a vegetarian pacifist and tree-loving Bud-dhist" who was appalled by the writings he discovered. They resembled the anti-technology manifesto written by the Unabomber which was published in national newspa-

The family disclosed that Ted Kaczynski regularly bought airline tickets from Montana to California. Some of the trips coincided with attacks made by the Unabomber. A \$1 million (£600,000) re-ward has been offered for the

arrest of the Unabomber, but it is too early to say if this will be offered to David Kaczynski. The hunt for the Unabomber has acquired its own mythology and the search has ranged as far afield as Afghanistan. Mr Kaczynski is expected to be formally charged and may face trial in Louis Bertman, a former

special agent, said that he believed Mr Kaczynski was one of several men questioned by the Unabomber investigators in Salt Lake City in the 1980s. "He fits many pieces of the profile," said Mr Bertram. Another FBI source was quoted as saying: "We like the look of this guy as the Unabomber, but we don't have make-or-break evidence yet. We have some writings

that match up but we don't

have his tools yet. We want the

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Ted Kaczynski, the suspected Unabomber, who was arrested at his Montana cabin

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Nairobi: About 200 Hutu extremists attacked a hospital in southern Burundi, killing four people, looting a pharmacy and burning ambulances, aid workers said. An anaesthetist was killed in the attack at Makamba, 50 miles south of Bujumbura. Three other people were killed and four wounded in a nearby market, which was also looted, Lieutenant-Colonel Nicodemus Nduhirubusa, an army spokesman, said. He said the extremists had been moving south from around the capital to escape army attacks, but the military also suspected that some may have come from Zaire. (AP)

Sacking over Chernobyl leak

Kiev: A top safety official at the Chernobyl nuclear plant has lost his job over an accident last November which was covered up at the time, the plant announced. Several high-ranking officials were ordered to retake nuclear safety exams. In the accident, a drop of nuclear fuel leaked from the plant's reactor No. 1. exposing one worker to a year's permitted radiation dose. The West wants the plant closed. (AP)

Mass graves 300 years old

Vienna: Skeletons found in ten mass graves in western Austria were probably the victims of a peasant uprising more than 300 years ago. experts said. The remains of 102 people, at first linked to the Holocaust, were discovered more than two months ago at Lambach, about 140 miles west of Vienna, during work on a hydroelectric plant. (AP)

Seoul students' funeral protest

Seoul: More than 10,000 militant South Korean students abandoned a funeral service for a colleague who died in a clash with police and marched through Seoul pressing for an apology from President Kim Young Sam. Police fired tear-gas at the protesters near the battles ensued. (Reuter)

Bamboozled

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas have slowed a Cambodian government advance on one of their key bases by deploying mock tanks fashioned from bamboo, a Khmerlanguage paper said. (AP)

Randolph Hearst bows to nephew*

BY QUENTIN LETTS

RANDOLPH HEARST, last surviving son of the newspaper baron immortalised in Citizen Kane, has been replaced as chairman of the family media group. Mr Hearst, 80, whose father v the bombastic William Randolph Hearst, has left his job amid talk of secret board

votes, plotting and ill will. His job has gone to his 68year-old nephew George Hearst, who, according to one colourful account, had the gavel in his hand" at the annual board meeting at which his uncle yielded control.

Company officials denied talk of a "coup" and Frank said: "I have known for some time that Randolph Hearst would step down following his 80th birthday. Our annua meeting was the logical time." Mr Bennack himself may have been an element in the corporate reshuffle; his handling of the company Randolph Hearst's third and current wife, Veronica.

The socially active Mrs Hearst, 50-something and ofcalling for Mr Bennack's head at a family gathering last month.

George Hearst was head of the company's property wing and represents a side of the family that has not previously had control of the company. Its media interests Cosmopolitan and Esquire. and numerous American newspapers including the

San Francisco Examiner. ful, but it will be the new chairman's task to retrieve some of its former might and to polish divisions that have lost their glister.

mention of the change at a recent birthday party for Randolph Hearst — whose daugh ter is the former tearaway Patty Hearst. He is described by friends as being "still very sharp" and his departure robs the American newspaper business of a link with its

His father, who founded chutzpah. He challenged the Joseph Pulitzer and produced punchy, vivid newspapers for the man on the street.

If there is even a percentag of truth in the rumours about George Hearst's political skills, it may mark an interesting new chapter in the family

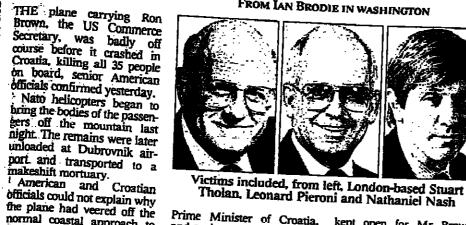
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Air disaster on Croatian mountain robs American business of leading corporate executives Ron Brown death plane

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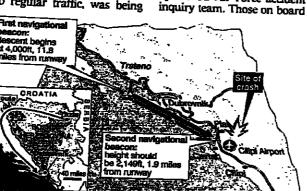
Tholan, Leonard Pieroni and Nathaniel Nash

Prime Minister of Croatia, and senior economic officials, had flown in 20 minutes before Mr Brown was due to arrive

The fatal flight plan went ahead in spite of atrocious weather at Dubrovnik. Mr Galbraith described it as "the worst storm in a decade". He said blinding rain and light-ning flashes were seen over the crash site, and there was the additional hazards of low clouds and strong winds. The airport, which had been closed to regular traffic, was being

kept open for Mr Brown's Pentagon officials said the

decision to continue the aircraft's approach to Dubrovnik was the responsibility of the captain, who flew into the 2.300ft Hill St John, 1.8 miles northwest of the runway. Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said President Clinton would be very interested to know why the aircraft was not diverted. The issue will be taken up by the US Air Force accident



rant concern; Robert Donovan, president of ABB Inc. makers of power generating equipment; Claudio Elia, chairman of Air and Water Technologies: Frank Maier, president of Enserch International, a gas company; Walter Murphy, vice-president of ATT Submarine Systems: Leonard Pieroni, chairman of Parsons Corp, a large engi-neering firm; Stuart Tholan, a

with the tragedy yesterday.

Turner, president of Bridge Housing Corp.
All had gone to the Balkans, paying their own way on Mr Brown's plane, to find business opportunities provided by the \$5 billion (£3.26 billion) international plan to rebuild the region after the war.

Bechtel executive and Donald

Two executives decided not to go at the last minute because of more pressing matters. Dan Bannister, chief of Dyncorp, a technology com-pany, said: "The good Lord spared me for a purpose. Now I've got to figure out what the purpose is."

Six members of Mr Brown's staff died with him, along with Nathanial Nash of The New York Times. Also among the victims was Jim Lewek,44, an intelligence analyst for the CIA who specialised in Balkans economic reconstruction.

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Dennis Mosso, a park ranger, lowers a flag at the Washington Monument yesterday in honour of Mr Brown

Loss of adviser leaves Clinton's economic flank exposed to Republican attacks

normal coastal approach to

Dubrovnik airport and was flying through a valley one

mountain range away from

the coastline. "The plane was

not where it should have been.

It is going to be hard to account for differences about

where the plane was," said ther Galbraith, the American

Mr Brown was originally to

have taken a smaller aircraft

to the Adriatic resort from

Zagreb, the Croatian capital,

but, typically, he agreed to a

change of plan after several of

the American businessmen

accompanying him expressed

a strong interest in visiting Dubrovnik. Mr Brown was

keen to do whatever he could

to help American firms to

The decision to visit Du-

brovnik was welcomed by

Croat officials as an opportu-

nity to demonstrate that the

city was open for investment again after the Serb pounding it took during the early stages of the war. Zlatko Matesa, the

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secure overseas contracts.

Ambassador to Croatia.

THE death of Ron Brown, the popular if controversial Commerce Secretary, cast an unusually ling shadow over Washington yesterday. Flags were at half-mast and President Clinton joined a private service of prayer for his said, favoured former colleague.

As the quintessential Washing-listed the White House the ton insider who could bring the

mood was described as "uniquely

department has been in a siege mentality for almost a year, with Republicans in Congress calling for its abolition.

The President will want to find someone with enough savvy and spine to battle for the agency's survival," a White House aide

black and white communities in sombre" Few expect an immediate America together and who was credited with helping Mr Clinton to win the presidency in 1992, Mr Brown is likely to be sorely missed in the coming campaign.
"He was one of the last giants of

the party," said Timothy May, managing partner of Patton, Boggs, the powerful law firm in which Mr Brown formerly worked. "He was the wisest head in the Cabinet." The relationship between Mr

Brown, the most powerful of the Administration's black politicians.

and Mr Clinton appeared to have been unmatched by any other member of the Cabinet. Alone among the Cabinet Secretaries he would attend the Wednesday evening political strategy meetings at the White House.

Mr Clinton considered Mr Brown an invaluable tactician whose successful chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee during the last election cemented both a personal and political

Under investigation himself for alleged fraud and taking bribes. Mr Brown had offered advice to the Clintons at the height of their troubles over the failed White-

water land deal. Mr Brown had entered the often lethargic Commerce Department as a new broom and pushed the agency to the hub of the Administration's economic policy by emphasising promotion of exports. His loss now has left a department rudderless at a critical moment for

Mr Clinton. Mary Good, the Under-Secretary for Technology, has been made acting Commerce

Without high-powered political appointees, the department will become an inviting target for Republicans who have vowed that it will be eliminated as part of the crusade to balance the budget. The November general election may well become a referendum on balancing the budget, and a weak Commerce Department will be-

the campaign begins in earnest. Mack McLarty, the former White House Chief of Staff, a close friend of Mr Clinton from Arkansas and a former corporate executive, is considered the most likely successor to Mr Brown. However, the President may feel he should find a black appointee. Under these circumstances, Vernon Jor-dan, the power broker who headed Mr Clinton's transition team, is a

come even more attractive prey as

Brazilian convicts in gun battles after prison escape

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZILIAN authorities were in pursuit yesterday of more than 30 armed convicts who escaped from a high-security prison after staging riots, taking hostages and making their getaway in limousines provided by the Government.

Inhabitants of the city of Goiania, the capital of central Goias state, were forced to take refuge in their homes as car chases and shootings took place on the streets throughout the day. Escaped convicts, wielding shotguns from car rindows, looted newspaper stands and off-licenses and danced in the street.

Of the 40 convicts who got away, holding guns to the heads of six hostages on Wednesday night, six were recaptured yesterday during street gun battles, and two more were killed. Two policemen were also killed and a woman died after getting caught in crossfire. The prisoners had negotiat-

ed with local civilian authorities who decided to hand over the cars, weapons and \$100,000 (£65,000) in exchange for a promise that the hostages would be released unharmed. Among the hos-tages are a local judge, a lawyer and several guards. Two hostages were freed yesterday but the remainder were kept as getaway shields. The chaotic chase on the

streets of Goiania came during a prison riot at the Agro-Industrial Penitentiary Centre of Goias which began five days ago in protest at condi-tions in Brazilian prisons. The jail, 18 miles outside the city where more than 5,000 convicts share fewer than 100 cells, is typical of the majority of overcrowded prisons in

Brazil. Yesterday prison authorities managed to establish some control within the Goias prison after the escape of what are thought to have been the leaders of the rebellion. However, some of the convicts continued to gather around bonfires on the rooftops and others remained barricaded in

Leonardo Pareja, the leader of the rioting convicts who was among the escapees, surrendered to police yesterday after going to a bar in Goias and buying rounds of beer for everyone standing by, with money handed over as part of the deal between the prisoners and the authorities.

A police spokesman blamed local civilian authorities for the chaos. "This must be the only country to make deals with convicted murderers," he said. "It is embarrassing."

Mickey Mouse goes for a home run

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MICKEY MOUSE is moving into baseball. After a year of secretive and often tense negotiations, the Walt Disney Company has bought a key stake in one of southern California's two major league baseball teams and has agreed to sink \$70 million (£46 million) into renovating its

The California Angels, whose stadium in Anaheim is barely five minutes drive from Disneyland, are to be renamed the Anaheim Angels and operated for at least 20 years by the ever-expanding Disney entertainment giant.

In keeping with the company's reputation for obsessive attention to detail and marketing, the Angels will undergo a wholesale image makeover. There will be new uniforms, new team merchandise and rebuilding of food halls.

The team logo is to be redesigned, probably around the angel's halo motif used in publicity material for the Disney baseball film Angels In The Outfield. This is one of countless ways that the company is expected to use its vast resources to promote its

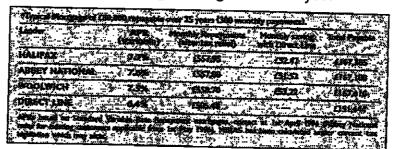
acquisition, You can anticipate a Desert Storm kind of operation," Tony Tavares, president of Disney Sports Enterprises, said. Winning baseball matches may be another matter. The California Angels have lan-guished near the bottom of the American League ever since moving to smog-bound Ana-heim in 1966. Ticket sales have fallen steadily and the team's stadium is regarded as among the least charming.

Such are the challenges relished by company, which has expanded into cruise lines, adult education and even building entire towns since Michael Eisner took over as chairman 12 years ago. It has also set up an ice hockey team, the Mighty Ducks. The team hardly won a single game in its first season, but its sales of merchandise have never been

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Bishops ban Madonna

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

WE MAY be living in a material world, but money can't buy everything — as the American pop idol Madonna discovered after being banned from filming in Budapest's

Madonna, in Hungary to film Evita in which she plays Eva Perón, wife of Juan Peron Argentina's former right-wing ruler, has outraged Roman Catholics for years by her use of Christian symbols and crosses in videos and live performances. Now the bisbops have struck back. Even a reported offer of 60 million forints (£300,000) to film in the Basilica has failed to

budge church officials. Catholics were offended by Madonna's public nakedness, said Endre Foldi, chaplain of the Basilica. "Madonna is an faviour does not belong in thurch. The whole world knows what she is like and we cannot humiliate the Church or denigrate it by having her naked in the church. Anyone who shows her naked body in front of men is immoral. Everyone in the Church



clined all interviews. Her co-stars include Antonio Banderas and Jonathan Pryce. The producer, Andrew Vajna, hoped church officials would change their minds.

Evita in her career was received by the Pope in Rome. That is the specific scene that we wanted to film here in Hungary, which would have been very positive and helpful for us, and for religion as a

The Budapest controversy is the latest row to dog the \$60 million (£39.2 million) production. In Argentina, ardent Peronists protested at Madonna's casting, and filming at the presidential palace was initially banned.



The no-fuss clothes show

After the hype and hullabaloo of Europe, New York gets on with what it does best



he mood during this season's New York Fashion Week, which finished on Wednesday, was as muted as the designers' predictions for next winter's colours: plum, forest green, battleship grey, bitter chocolate and rust. Yet the downbeat feeling was not the fault of the designers, many of whom produced strong collections: it was a reaction to the great expectations of the media pack whose appetites had been whetted by the antics of the European designers in London, Milan and Paris. During Paris Fashion Week

Liza Minnelli was asked why she was sitting in the front row at Jean Paul Gaultier. Because fashion is the new theatre," she said.

It used to be that you would arrive in New York at the end of the four-cities-in-as-manyweeks "fashionathon" and get to see well-edited shows presented in the designers' showmoms. It wasn't always easy. Conditions were crushed and cramped, but at least you were able to see the clothes and almost reach out and touch the fabrics. There weren't ridiculous accessories to clutter the scene, or socio-political statements to confuse the business of the day, ie, what women will he wearing in six months.

So now what do we get? Media overkill, Instead of Liza there was kd lang, the country singer, sitting in the front row being asked what she thought of the show so far. "Crazy!" she

said. Exactly. There were hordes of camera crews and fashion groupies lending a circus atmosphere to the cavernous tents on 42nd Street. There was even a Ronald McDonald clown in the audience at the Anna Sui show, and bags of popcorn



CALVIN KLEIN: sensual matt jersey. MICHAEL KORS: damed near perfect

were handed out to the crowd on their way in. There appeared to be anything and everything to keep the attention away from the clothes. I mean, does anyone really care what Mike Tyson (another front-row celebrity) thinks about next autumn's shades? It is not surprising that

designers are beginning to abandon the tents to show their collections in more appropriate and sympathetic surroundings.

On the vast Gertrude Pavilion catwalk, in Bryant Park. an understated trouser suit (narrow and lean), a jersey dress (fluted at the hem, somewhere between knee and floor). a maxi-coat (omnipresent) or a sweater and trouser look (textured knit, wide pants) can look nothing special, but in a smaller venue they appear a truly attractive option.

"A lot of fashion shows are not about the clothes any says the designer Michael Kors. They are about the models or they are about clothes which designers will never make. All you are doing is sending out information into the world about clothes which you will never see in the stores anyway. You automatically turn the consumer off. I show the clothes up close in the showroom. There is no faking it. If these clothes aren't perfect

ors's collection was darmed near perfect. In his tiny showroom he showed gorgeous cashmere, moire, Prince of Wales plaids and leather in classic shades cut into giant sweaters worn with streamlined trousers, A-line midi-skirts worn with crisp white shirts or skinny tops. camel coats tailored to perfection, tunics with deep V-plunge necklines, and the new suit: a coat and trouser combination. Touches of gold and silver added a luxurious sheen.

If luxury is your wont, Ralph Lauren is your man. Lauren deals in little else; even the catwalk at his swanky Madison Avenue headquarters was covered in plush carnel wool. The collection was equally special. The designer has skilfully honed down the wardrobe of his customer but now dresses it up with sumptuous and often surprising fabrics. Lean trouser suits and evening dresses are both cut in fine grey jersey. A crombie-style coat is made from mauve

velvet. Utterly gorgeous. Marc Jacobs and Todd Oldham both chose the Puck Building in Union Square as the location for their shows. Both offered collections which hinted at decadence. Jacobs cut deluxe fabrics into delightfully simple pieces: a tie-belt maxi-coat (an essential buy) in ruby red wool, a slip of a dress sparkling with tiny beads, or another in lace lacquered with a sheen of gold. Oldham showed leggy trouser-suits



made from unlikely-looking plaids in candybox shades teamed with equally colourful faux-fur mufflers. This richly textured bohemian mood continued throughout the shows.

The American designers have a new muse. Obvious glamour has been replaced by a more intellectual take on beauty. Forget Jerry Hall and think Radcliffe Hall. At Miu Miu this meant little

grey sweaters worn over black or white cotton underskirts trimmed with lace borders, sensible knee-length kilts, schoolgirl tailoring in camel. bitter chocolate and grey, and some very pretty empire-line dresses laced with satin ribbons to look like elongated camisoles. Everything was worn with thick grey tights.

New York catwalks were filled with the blue-stocking brigade, while some wore plum, burnt orange, black or

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The mood at Calvin Klein was sombre yet stunning, his clothes coloured bitter chocolate, aubergine, khaki, navy blue, battleship grey and plum. Klein stayed true to his minimalist roots with a universally refined silhouette. Wickedly tailored trouser suits featured military details, while

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colours.



(From left) MARC JACOBS: decadent. ANNA SUI: Bloomsbury. RICHARD TYLER: argyle

cardigan coats tied neatly at the waist. His finale of ultraslim, long evening dresses that exposed a modest amount of flesh was only bettered by colour-blocked below-the-knee matt jersey dresses which nodded to the Berlin of Christopher Isherwood. If Klein's muse

Minnelli's portrayal of Sally Bowles, then Anna Sui favoured Twiggy as Polly Browne in Ken Russell's film The Boyfriend. Sui's collection - an eccentric mix of warm autumn hues and textured fabrics - was spot-on. Zigzag and shaded knits (a la the newly revived Missonis in Milan) were teamed with playful plaids, rich velvets, sump-

tuous suede, shiny leather and

styling gave essentially covetable clothes a down-town edge. It was only after dark that the designer got into a flap with jet-beaded, black chiffon drop-waist dresses which made even Linda Evangelista look like an extra from The House of Eliott.

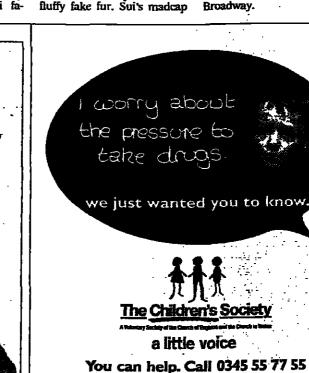
onna Karan's collection wasn't easy. She just tried too hard. Her unswerving silhouette (long and ultra-lean) and sheer clingy fabrics looked too dour, the presentation too serious. Best were her knitted turtlenecks (a must have) worn with long. slinky satin skirts, and the more straightforward tailored pieces: a maxi-coat in army green or orange, a milky while double-breasted jacket, and a

suede tie-belt version. The joy of New York fashion is that it offers something simply special. A bias-cut partsee through dress at Ghost; an updated argyle knit at Richard Tyler: technicoloured velvets at Isaac Mizrahi or a long suede skirt teamed with a

sweater at DKNY. The real luxury is being able to see them up close. No fuss, no drama. I mean, if I had wanted theatre in New York I would have booked tickets to see Sunset Boulevard on







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Still in the Python's embrace

Michael Palin is a relentless worker — film actor, writer, campaigner — but he is never allowed to forget the TV show that founded a comic dynasty

he day before we were to meet, I ran into Michael Palin on Hampstead Heath. Or rather, he sprinted past me in his shorts — "Shall we do the interview now?" - and vanished into the distance pactry niftily, I thought, for one pushing 53. I used to see pashing 33. I used to see Melvyn jogging, he says. "The pair of us would approach from different ends of the hill, catch sight of each other and immediately eraighten our backs and run at a more sprightly pace."

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The six-page curriculum vitae that arrives with the paperback of his novel. Heming-ways Chair, states: "Michael Palin, who is not called Pallin ... lives in moody splendour in North London. Moody spiendour?. Cheerful domesticity, I call it. Helen answers the door: she

is the farmer's daughter he met in his teens at Stowmarket on the Suffolk coast, and married 30 years ago. She apologises for her shorn curls. the legacy of an operation on her head — of which more later. Rachel, their youngest, who is reading history at Brasenose in father's footsteps - and unlike Tracey Ullman in Palin's excellent A Class Act, she went to the local state school — is making Palin very proud with photographs of herself in the college women's

The Palins started like most people with one house, and now have three knocked into one, forming a modest palazzo on the corner of a quiet cul-desac. Clare Latimer of Clare's Kitchen used to have the house next door. Her famous kitchen is now their parlour. Palin claims to long for a country house. But why? He knows it is preferable at weekends to feel you don't have to go anywhere except Soho or the

films and sketches and travels. the plays and children's books. Palin turns up in small films (The Dress) and on radio (in Ronald Harwood's The Dresser). "I do have a low boredom

threshold." he says. Ever since Edward Whitley interviewed Palin for his book The Graduates, Palin has enjoyed a dangerous reputation among nervous hacks. Young Whitley - who has now beome Nick Leeson's ghost-writer, but was then a naive 21-year-old -- was em-

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boldened to tell Palin that he did not think his film. The Missionary, was all that funny. Palin ended up running out of his own house ("Don't 'Mister Palin' me! I'm not a man who gets angry very often, but you have been one of the rudest people I've ever had to talk to") slamming the door and leaving the hapless Whit-ley baffled in his study - an episode as hilarious as a Python sketch.

I meet people everywhere who know every episode of Python by heart — I suppose it's a form of flattery'

Luckily I can say I enjoyed Hemingway's Chair, which Palin wishes were not labelled a comic novel. "People might feel a bit short-changed. It's not Tom Sharpe."

It is about an ordinary bloke

named Martin Sproale who, like the hero of Il Postino, lives ith Hemingway's a quiet life in the Post Office. Chair comes a He has an unlikely obsession jokey promo tape with Hemingway, whose macho persona he begins to emulate when a sharp American lady Remingsony scholar arrives in the town. Palin read For Whom the Bell Tolls at naissing CV, a testimony to school. The nearest you get to Palin's busy-ness since he got doing a sery book for A level. which are all the same and the taste for stand-up cabaret. The earth moved, and all that. at Oxford. As well as all the I saw Martin as someone who admired Hemingway in a trainspotter's, list-making way which suited someone who worked in a Post Office; he knew all the diseases Herningway had, and how many times he banged his head when drunk." Martin's humdrum iob enables Palin to embrace a wider colemic the little man at the centre of the community. battling against modern technology, rationalisation, auto-

> This year, too, we shall see the film Fierce Creatures (orig

inal working title Death Fish 2), but meanwhile Palin has been travelling again: the Pacific Rim. "Alaska Siberia Japan Korea Vietnam Philippines Malaysia Java Australia New Zealand," he says. "Bet you wish you hadn't asked." They are unlikely to give the series the disgusting title Eric

Idle suggested - Palin's Rim. The horrifying news of his wife's brain tumour came while he was in Borneo. "I'd just been to Sarawak, filming some people about headhunting, when she rang me." (The jake didn't escape John Cleese: "You could have brought one back for Helen." he said.) "It explained the headaches she'd had for about ten years."

elen, realistic and practical, told her husband not to rush home, he would only make everyone nervous. The great thing about the world now is, although I may rail against technological communication, you can ring a hospital in London from the remotest parts of Borneo. So I could talk to the surgeon half an hour after the operation and hear that it had all gone smoothly."

He is very funny about the Far East, where he felt like a clodhopping Gulliver among the Lilliputians, enthralled by Japanese high-tech computerised loos with eight different jet settings, and hot or cold air and anal massages — which he will demonstrate in sound

only.
Palin pioneered the current wave of comedians and chat show hosts such as Clives James and Anderson travelling to foreign parts. "It's a bit like asking, could you have done Monty Python without the Goons having gone before? When we did Around the World in 80 Days. it freed up travel documentaries from serious travel writers - who probably look down on television travellers, with our camera crews and (they think)

limousines. People still think television is awash with money. But weget more mileage from staying in a village police station than in a Hilton or a Four Seasons,

Like Spike Milligan and Secombe forever all the Pythons are forever Pythons. The continued vitality of Monty Python put together in a rush in 1969 — astonishes them all. They meet people everywhere who know every episode by heart. "I suppose it's a form of In New Zealand he was

inducted in a Maori ceremony and had to sing a song. "I was fed up with doing my normal party piece, the Lumberjack

school song, Floreat Salopia. The Latin all came back to me and they all applauded." He was at Shrewsbury after Ingrams and Rushton, a contemporary of John Peel, or John Ravenscroft as he then was. fronted

BBC's Mental Health Week and spoke about the suicide, sister Angela at 52 - and the mystery of how "someone so popular, efficient, who could bake such wonderful cakes, serve a tennis ball so well. would deliberately attach a tube to the back of her car". Palin also spoke of his own bouts of depression, and aired his grievance about his stammering, bullying father. It looked as if Palin was con-. forming to the "sad clown"

But the things that get him irate are just normal urban. irritations: Camden council

ed every year. Whether or not an

impending investiga-

Elaine Smith's scales

were not properly bal-

anced - an allegation

she vehemently de-nies — the story offers

us an interesting in-

sight into the whole

slimming business. Because while one or

two of Elaine's regu-

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many more were per-

fectly happy with the

But even if action is

taken against Mrs

Smith, has she really done

any harm? In sending her

clients into the night believing

they had successfully lost

weight she would, after

all, have made them feel

results of their class.

refusing to remove graffiti "unless it is of an explicitly political nature", local government giving up making people feel they can do anything about anything, even cleaning up their own streets. The sight from his study window: to the left, a blank 1970s concrete block; to the right, 1870s artisans' dwellings: "And I cannot ever prefer what is on the left to what is on the right The good thing about being a

celebrity is that you can, when

asked, lend your name to Transport 2000, championing railways, stopping motor marvels that we still collude in the celebration of the car. "Where are we going to put the cars? Eventually it will get quite violent and unpleasant. In Japan they have ingeniously designed small city cars and slimline Honda vans, while

For two years he chaired ways, opening cycleways. He



You're only as fat as you feel

up all the money I have spent on slimming aids. diet foods and self-help books since I first became obsessed with my body image at the age of 19 it would probably amount, pound for pound, to at least five times my weight.

The systems and schemes l have invested in are, when I look back at them now, a rather sad indictment of our times and my own inability to accept that the image thrown at me by my own mirror and the images pushed at me by society don't have to match. Over the years. I've put myself through a series of

tortuous regimes in order to make the scales balance in my favour. I have struggled with the F-Plan, the Hip and Thigh, the Cambridge Formula, the Mao Clinic System and a two-year sentence at Weight Watchers, all the while following the rule that it was not recommended to weigh myself at home. I have bought Lean Cuisines, Slimmits. Slimfast, fat-free ice-creams, herbal appetite suppressants and several self-hypnosis videes that promised to teach me he secrets of successful

Af my most crazed I even

Jane Gordon discovers a foolproof solution for the woman who wants to shed pounds effortlessly

entrolled at one of those Harley Street clinics where a man in a white coat - who claimed to be a doctor - injected me through my tights. I have used diuretics, laxatives and, once, drugs. But enever I stopped. the same thing would happen. My weight ould go up again. And now, finally. after years of desper ately striving, I discover that all along there

was a far simpler way of making the scales read the way I always wanted them to. In fact this week, on hearing about the Elaine Smith slimming system, it is probably true to say that the scales have finally fallen from my

eyes. Because on Tuesday, at the end of the Elaine Smith slimming group session, trading standards officers in Dud-West Midlands; asked 40 of her dieters to be indepen-



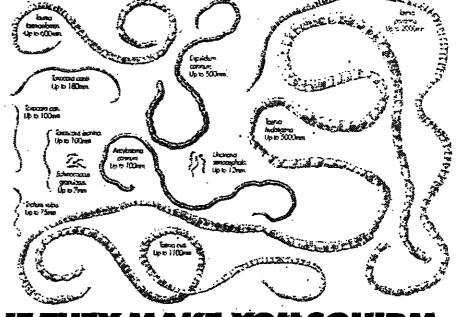
The classic fat lady: by Donald McGill

dently weighed on a set of new electronic scales. And they discovered that the women were between 2lb and 15lb heavier than the figures registered on Elaine's own sliding-

In fact I have decided that whatever went on, far worst things happen in the rest of the apparently respectable weight scales which are officially calibrat-

slimming industry.
The weight-loss industry makes more than £1 billion a year out of reinforcing slender stereotypes on a world full of pear-shaped women. It relent lessly exploits our insecurities by encouraging us to believe that if we lose weight we will automatically become happi er and more successful. It cunningly persuades us to buy books, magazines and dless food products that ultimately do us no good.

ather like admirers of the emperor's new clothes, Elaine's members were happy with their results because they wanted to believe in them. It illustrates perfectly what willing and eager customers dieters can be. So I have today set in motion my own version. 1 have kicked the old scales in our bathroom until the needle moves satisfactorily to the left. And I have discovered that weight loss is all in the mind. Why, already I feel 15lb



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Philip Howard



They may average out right, but some statistics seem less than vital

hat egg does a statistician lay when (s)he is not laying statistics? Rage and incredulity among the unstatistical classes is one answer. This week's merger of the Central Statistical Office with the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys concentrates all official social and economic statistics at the Office for National Statistics. And there has been an agreeably unmathematical row about its name. Our number-crunching temple cannot be called Great British Statistics or Statistics UK without offending some paranoid nationalist minority. And the census-takers feel that their work includes other data, and even policy, and so should not be diminished by the unsexy label of mere statistics.

Statistics (take in computers) is the queen of the modern sciences, in the way that epic, theology and the classics were once. Like them, sums make a tool for answering some questions. Opinion surveys of voting inten-tions are often more accurate than the straw polls, hunch and a prayer with which we used to predict results of elections. Though it is gratifying when the polls get the result so wrong as they did at the last general election. Voting intentions are more slippery to measure than votes, and the explanations the pollsters make when they slip up on the uncountable are entertaining.

Statistics exist to condense large groups of allied facts into brief and compendious expressions suitable for discussion. But they need to be simple facts, and their answers are self-evident and boring. Winston Chur-chill set up the Central Statistical Office in 1941 to corral all the statisticians in Whitehall into one stable, and what cost a shilling then (5p) would cost more than a pound now. That is the kind of depressing fact that statistics are good at. The average house price then was well under £2,000. Today, according to the statisticians, and allowing for blips, the average price is around £63,000. Then there were 1.9 million private cars on the roads. and no petrol except on the black market. Today, alas, there are more than 20 million. and gridlocking. Then, a pint of bitter cost the equivalent of what today we inelegantly call four pee. Now, the average pint will set you back £1.49, though I do not think the statisticians can have visited Windsor Castle in their researches. Divorces now split at 160,000 a year. Then, they barely amounted to 7.000, though they introduced us to corespondent shoes worn by cads and divorce weekends in Brighton. A statistic to show how the world has improved is that then there were just 65,000 university students. while today there are 918.400.

But most important questions are less measurable than births, marriages, deaths and sales of motor cars. Probability theory was developed in England from gaming odds. And the traditional illustrative cases of such uncertainties are those of tossing a coin. rolling a die, and drawing a card from a pack. The best way of learning probability theory is by such British sports as backgammon, bridge and a day at the races. The British obsession with the National Lottery confirms the findings of the statisticians that as a nation we are bad at mathematics. unsound on probability, but wildly romantic about airy eastles in the Costy Bravy.

That is why we need politicians and common sense as well as our dear statisticians. For we innumerates suffer from the misapprehension that a proportion is a smart word for a part, and a parameter is a scientific kind of perimeter. Statisticians solve problems we did not know we had in a way we do not understand. They put their heads in the oven and their feet in the freezer, and report to us incredulous spectators that on average they feel just fine. Schoolchildren with calculators can perform miracles of number-crunching. But I think long-division of pounds, shillings and ounces would be a more useful introduction to our world of numbers.

So happy summing to our new Office for National Statistics. The odd statistic can add verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative. More does not always mean worse. With statistics, the more the merrier. But statistical explanations have no logical validity. Which is why, pace science fiction horror stories, a computer in charge of government or anything else would be even worse than our flawed human masters.



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The sins of the father

ark, yet again those familiar words of Ezekiel instantly convey something dark to come: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." And for that matter, there is similar darkness from Hosea: "They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." Yes. but who are the "they" who are destined to eat the sour grapes, and who is it that is going to reap the whirlwind? We must warily, not least because the central figure in this picture is the one who is most innocent, and indeed the one who is most bruised by others. Let

John Torode is a distinguished journalist who used to work at The Guardian, but now writes for the Daily Mail. His father died in 1980, and no doubt a loving and loved son shed tears. Nine years after that, however, when he was having lunch with a friend and the talk turned to a possible television project about undercover Soviet agents. Mr Torode shed very different tears, and shed them so copiously that more friends had to take him home. And when he got home - but let him take up his own story for a moment.

I suppose I was having a mini nervous breakdown. For the next thing I remember is sitting sobbing and shaking on a sofa at home, with my friend and my wife doing their best to comfort me. I was repeating the same phrases over and over again. I remember them well, though I have no conscious recollection of the events to which they refer. "It is over." I kept sobbing. "People used to come to our house at night to hurt us. But they can't hurt us any more.

But what was over? Who could no longer hurt us? What could Torode have been repressing all those years? As he asks, what horrors were buried away in his subconscious mind?

Go back to Ezekiel and to Hosea, I didn't put those quotations at the top of this column for nothing; Mr Torode has indeed had his teeth set on edge by many sour grapes, and has reaped a great deal of the whirlwind. But not a single word of unrighteousness clings to his mantle. For this is a man much more sinned against than sinning.

Because, you see, John Torode's father was a traitor. And John Torode's buried terror at that terrible truth was a terror so powerful that when it finally broke through the bands that had held him all these years it came close to killing him. We do not choose our parents, and yet,

as one poor man found, we cannot dissociate ourselves entirely from them

Do you remember the phrase "Mosgold", which reverberated all through the years? It was batted about on both sides, half a reality (the anti-Communists), half a mirage (the Comms). The Communists were accused of getting their pamphlets and newspapers published thanks to subventions from the Soviet Union (a substantial sum would have been needed), and the Communists not only made a brazen denial of the accusers, but made "Moscow gold" a very clever joke. And it was only a very few years ago that one of the remaining hardliners announced that the Party and its neces-

sities had indeed been paid for from Moscow, every scrap. (The said hardliner omitted to say that one of the other items revealed in Moscow was that the British Party was the biggest nuisance and the most useless of all

the world's Communist Parties.) But what do you do when you find that your father is a traitor? True, he used his talents against the Nazis as far as he could, but he was much more willing to use them for the Soviet part of the anti-Nazi pact. And the greater part of his usable life went to the Soviet Union, and never mind the millions of

only Torode Junior had been beaten savagely thrice a week by a brutal father! Or would that his father had brought tarts into the home under his mother's eye, or had been drunk from morning till night! But he was, it seems, a perfect husband and father, with one flaw: he was a traitor to his country. No wonder, then, that when the buried past rose, it stank of treachery. And John Torode will have to go to the end of his own life with his father's brand on his heart. How would you face that truth?

Well, you would stop for a moment. and widen your horizon. Can you not see that your predicament has two faces? And that the second face is far more terrible than your painful blow? You don't understand? I shall tell you: what did the children of the Holocaust think when they discovered that their fathers' job was to gas Jews, and that in many cases their fathers had done their job

most meticulously? What was it that the prophets said? Wasn't it something about the fathers eating sour grapes, to the shame and pain of the children's teeth that were set on edge, to say nothing about whirlwinds? No man volunteers to be born, and when he is born he cannot be sure that he is the kind of

person he might wish to be. The only thing that is entirely in his own hands is the power to end his life. God forbid that John Torode should ever even consider such thoughts, but in his breakdown anything might have had the last and terrible

We did not make our parents; our parents made us, and we are not to blame, however dark the blame becomes. If we don't like the parents we were born to, we substantially can't change them, although I suppose we can leave them.

I am tempted to say that John Torode's dreadful discovery could be much worse. What about - and, these days, there are more and more revealed fathers who have ravished their infant children and continued to do so? But that is not fair; every man must shoulder his own burden, and in these murky waves it would be wicked to say "My father's sin was not as wicked as yours". though that might be obviously true.

Torode has another problem: how much of what his father did and said was true? But Torode knows better than we do, and we must take his father at his

And how did he make contact in Hitler's Germany? Well, the story he used to tell is

so bizarre that I am inclined to believe it. There was, he said, a tobacconist's shop just off the Alexanderplazz in Berlin. He used go there, identifying himself by a red rose in his buttonhole and carrying a copy of The New Statesman and Nation. He would ask for a particular to the conduction of the beautiful to the conduction. brand of tobacco and would be told it was available in the back room. There he would strip, exchange bodybelts and then leave, ostentatiously bearing some obscure tobacco.

Torode's father was presumably worked by some kind of central figure: Torode seems to say it was "the mysterious guru of the Communist Party of Great Britain, Rajani Palme Dutt. who dictated policy on behalf of Stalin . . . " This gives me an opportunity for something I have wanted to do for years. Again and again and again, people from the far Left and the far Right are agreed that Palme Dutt was a great genius who made and used policy so brilliantly that Stalin himself would shake his head in wonder.

ow then. I once met Palme Dutt and spoke with him for quite a time. I also heard several speeches he made. even one that he gave at my university. And hand on heart, I swear that Rajani Palme Dutt was one of the most stupid human beings that the Lord has ever put on this earth. Sentence after sentence of rubbish poured out of his mouth, and when, why and how, he came by the name of a genius I do not know. But at least I have got this off my chest at last.

To return to John Torode: I presume that he has come to terms with the dark shadow over his father, though I imagine that from time to time something jerks his deepest memory. Let no one think that what he went through was a minor tragedy. Nor can he take the easy route - he hasn't - of saying that there were men a hundred times more wicked, though it is certainly true. Think yourself for a moment into Torode's place: then stop doing that and bless your aches and pains, even your unhappinesses.

But there is one more aspect of this strange, powerful, even dangerous thought. What would we do if our world started to spin the wrong way? It is no use saying that it couldn't happen to us: this whole story is based on a man who thought it couldn't happen to him. And how many ordinary people, having digested Torode's bane, will go to bed tonight, but lie sleepless till dawn?

slit-eyedly out at the reader".

The rag's owner, Conrad Black,

was appalled and demanded an

apology. Four months later, he

son as the "boyish and fresh-featured Editor of The Sunday

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addresses the

diplomats' dilemma

t was the size of the royal dress bills that first raised questions about the Princess of Wales in the minds of some of Britain's most senior diplomats. There was a real sucking in of breath over the dress bills Diana submitted for the Saudi tour she undertook with the Prince of Wales," recalls one dip-lomat. "The sum I heard mentioned was £80,000."

Now the Princess's elegance may cost her more dear than she dreamt at the time. After her divorce she will need all the allies she can find in the Civil Service if she is to realise her ambition of retaining a role as roving ambassador for Britain. This is what she is fighting for, as she made clear in her Panorama interview. The wishes of the Queen will be paramount, but the government machine will exercise crucial influence.

At the heart of any discussions over the Princess's future is the question of whether she is an important national asset who should be used to the full, or an unpredictable and potentially embarrassing figure who will yield diminishing returns for Britain.

Three top officials will be instru-

mental in determining her fate: Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary: Alex Allen, the Prime Minister's Principal Private Secretary; and Sir Robert Fellowes, Private Secretary to the Queen. This triumvirate will be in close touch with the Foreign Office and it is there that Diana can expect opposition. Senior Foreign Office officials will recall those awesome dress bills. The Pierrot-like figure of the Duchess of York may flit across their minds. They may think of the risks involved in formally appointing the Princess as an ambassador at large.

The dress bills were not an issue per se. The Foreign Office expects to pick up the tab for the kind of wardrobe a royal state visit requires. But the size of the bills was a shock. Even allowing for a change of clothing every day on the lo-day trip, the cost to the taxpayer worked out at £2,500 per outfit. MORINI IN

ome powerful politicians, includ-ing the Prime Minister. Dought Hurd and Chris Patten are said to support the Princess. So do some in Whitehall who are impressed by her ability to twist foreigners around her little finger. She is charming and glamorous, and her effect on male heads of state is remarkable," says one senior official. "Look at the Argentina visit and the impact she had on President Menem. I feel sure we could use her somewhere."

On the other hand, some of our most senior diplomats are Prince Charles's men. The list of Foreign Office people who have worked as deputy private secretary to the Prince of Wales includes David Wright, our new Ambassador in Tokyo, Peter Westmacott, our Counsellor in Washington, and Francis Cornish, the British trade commissioner in Hong Kong. With people of this rank so closely linked with her husband, it is hardly surprising if the Princess's hopes of becoming a roving ambassador excite little sympathy in the Foreign Office.

One key question is whom the Princess would represent. She could scarcely represent the Royal Family when she is known to be on bad terms with some of them. And it is hard to see how she could formally represent the Government, "Of course we would find ways to help her to fulfil an ambassadorial role if that was what was decided," said one official. "We're paid to be diplomatic. But . 651 what a potential liability."

Diplomats — even those who support the Princess - all tend to see her as a loose cannon. The Princess's visit to Pakistan earlier this year is cited as one example of the pitfalls awaiting someone inexperienced in the niceties of diploma-cy. Her host, Imran Khan, is a possible contender for the leadership of his country, which made the visit rather tactless, given that Britain is on friendly terms with the present Government.

The scandal surrounding the Princess also makes diplomats feel uncomfortable. They are all too aware that there are parts of the world where her kind of celebrity is simply not appears to have got one - albeit grudgingly offered. In the Easter issue. Alan Clark describes Lawacceptable.

Diplomats disagree among themselves about the royal role in cultural diplomacy. Some believe that the de-ployment of the Royal Marines Band or Britannia has only a brief effect, and does not help exports at all.

Others are more enthusiastic. "Ir's easy to pooh-pooh the whole idea of cultural diplomacy and royal visits. said one senior figure. "but people in emerging economies do seem to be turned on by being invited aboard the Royal Yacht and meeting the Prince of Wales. He is a very effective promoter of British business. But to have the Princess as an ambassador, expressing views which might be taken to be those of the British Government, could be a disaster. Nobody wants to hear her personal views on international

matters. So the Princess may have to com-promise, working informally with a body such as Unicef, or for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in much way that Audrey Hepburn did. That way. Whitehall could distance itself from her should things go wrong in terms of diplomatic faux pas or some

fresh scandal enveloping her.
"I suppose she could be asked to do the occasional trade visit." one senior diplomat conceded, adding waspishly: "A retail fashion week in Salt Lake P·H·S ishly: "A retail to City, perhaps?"

Cast out

THREE of our most talented actresses have been denied the chance to lay down their singing talents on vinyl. Dame Judi Dench, Sian Phillips and Patricia Hodge, as well as other cast members of Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical A Little Night Music, have just been told they cannot make a studio recording of their performance.

The news has angered and disappointed the actors - not least Dame Judi who won an Olivier Award for her performance. A studio had been booked and all necessary arrangements were in place when a fax arrived at the National Theatre from Sondheim himself, addressed to the staff.

"Dear Everybody," it began. "I know how eager we all were to make an album, but it appears that the problems are insuperable. Both the publishers and the lawyers who represent the show have a long string of reasons for not doing this particular record."

Not all of the cast are convinced

by Sondheim's excuses, however. and stage whispers suggest that he isn't too keen on our three ladies' singing talents. This is hotly denied, however, by the National. "Making a record is a very complicated business." explains a helpful gentleman. "And there are already other recordings.

 A mind-boggling decree has come down from that fount of all political correctness, the Labour Party's headquarters at Walworth



Dench: silenced

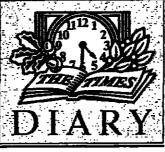
Road. The party is apparently no longer fielding "prospective parliamentary candidates" for whatever constituency; they are simply to be called "spokespersons" for their constituency. A progressive pressofficerperson explains: "We thought the old title was outdated. Špokesperson is more userfriendly."

No credit

HAVING upset the board of the Woolwich Building Society, the former chief executive, Peter Rob-inson, who left after allegations about his expenses, is now risking the wrath of his local milkman.

Robinson has gone into hiding and is communicating with the world only through solicitors. As a result, a number of pints are turning sour on the doorstep of his mock-Tudor home in Kent - and Unigate's Ray Bishop is unim-1. He wants settlement of his E19.20 bill, and has left a curt note: "Payment would be appreciated by this Saturday, 6th April."

 Rather than pumping iron the night before the Boat Race, the Oxford crew will this evening descend on Soho House, a schmoozer's paradise surrounded by clip joints. There they will enjoy a private showing of Broken Arrow, a brawny movie starring John Trav-



olta. The House will also offer its finest beefburgers to beef them up for the big day.

Purse-strings
BARONESS THATCHER'S Obsession with good housekeeping has dominated every aspect of her life — even her honeymoon in Ma-deira, if her daughter Carol's biography of Denis is to be believed.

Denis and Margaret were not the sort to sunbathe, and anyway the weather was too cold. So the newlyweds put their time to good "We stayed in the capital. Funchal, and did a sort of economic survey," explained Denis. "We went and looked at people making lace and other things and toured the Madeira Wine Company."

Their return trip was by boat. "It was a small boat and a hell of a crossing - terrible," he remem-

bers. "It took about three days and it certainly wasn't smooth. I wasn't seasick, but Margaret was, awfully." Carol comments: "My mother has hated boats to this day, fearing that anything smaller than the QE2 is liable to sink unless the conditions are duckpond calm."

No, really HAS my fellow diarist Alan Clark

come over all gooey now that spring is in the air? In The Spectator before Christmas, he described the magazine's former Editor. Dominic Lawson, as a man of loathsome sneering features. pastily glistening." which "peer

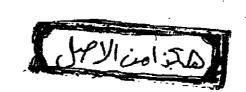


"Uh-oh, motorway madness"

Losing face THE HUGELY rich Barclay bro-

long in a microwave.

thers, owners of the Ritz, appear to have been taking a keen interest in the minutiae of administration at the Edinburgh offices of The Scotsman, a newspaper they happen to own. It is said that staff at the paper are well aware of the proprietors' whims and, in particular, their dread of publicity. But I can't believe the rumour that photographs of the reclusive twins have been discreetly removed from the paper's picture library.







FROM THE CROSS

If thou be the Son of God . . . (Matthew xxvii, 40)

At Ruthwell, near Dumfries, stands a great stone cross dating back to the early 8th century. It is carved with an inscription from the contemporary Anglo-Saxon poem commortly known as The Dream of the Rood. The centre of the poem is the cross, a tree cut down to provide an instrument of torture for a criminal's execution, and which proves to be the tree on which "the young warrior... climbed the high gallows, the young warrior who was God Almighty.

The Cross itself suffers. The blooddrenched wood cries out, at one with what St Paul called "the groaning and travailing" of all creation, and yet the dreamer in the poem sees a tree of glory, resplendent with gold and encircled with light, the axle-tree around which the whole world revolves.

The anonymous Anglo-Saxon poet, whose words are carved on the Ruthwell cross, writes out of the paradox at the heart of Christian faith: the creator of all is discerned in a condemned criminal twisting and writhing in agony; Jesus crucified is Jesus glorified; the Cross of Christ is the power the wisdom of God. In claiming that God's presence and purpose is known in the Cross of Jesus, the Christian Gospel challenges our pride of heart and mind with the ultimate truth of a God whose very being is love. This is a love which, as St Paul says. "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things", a love which goes to the uttermost, reaching into the heart of darkness, and wrestling with the weight of evil. the principalities and powers, the

demonic distortions of a fallen world. Our world is a world in which abuses of power create appalling evils. From the Greek myth of Prometheus to the biblical stories of Adam in Eden, the temptations of power are a recurring theme in human sin. The common theme of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness is that they are all temptations to misuse power. Dictatorships, repressive ideologies, racists, even domestic tyrannies, crush and distort the human spirit. It is no accident that the biblical writers inveigh against idolatry - the giving of ultimate worth and value to that which is less than God.

Our world may not have many idols of carved wood and stone, but it has many idols of greed and self-seeking. Addictions of every kind witness to how powerfully the chains of evil can bind the human spirit. Good Friday speaks of a God who is known not in power but in powerlessness, who lets Himself, in Dietrich Bonhoeffer's compelling words, "be pushed out of the world on to a cross". Only so is his love known; only so is He with us to save us.

The passers-by mocked Jesus nailed to the Cross. A God of power would demonstrate that power: "if thou be the Son of God, come down from the Cross". But the redeeming work of the God of love is achieved by bearing the weight of the world's evil, by going through and not evading the darkness, by God Himself freely choosing as one of us to know the absence of God and the annihilation of death, so that, as the Psalmist said, "if I go down to hell thou art there also".

It is the victory of that love over sin and death that the Christian Church celebrates at Easter, a victory by the Cross and not apart from it. It is this love of God in Jesus Christ, whose eternal life we are called to share, which is no less than the life of God's new creation. That is the reality which blows our human history open to a new and transforming life, something so mysterious that the women who stumbled upon it on the first Easter morning fled from the tomb in terror and awe.

MEMORIAL IN COMMERCE

Ron Brown's death should intensify efforts to help Bosnia

his fellow-passengers crashed into the Hill of St John outside Dubrovnik, Bill Clinton lost a friend and America lost a skilled, if controversial, political conciliator. As chairrean of the Democrats, Mr Brown was given large credit for President Clinton's election victory in 1992. As Commerce Secretary, he was respected as a vigorous negotiator who increased domestic support for free trade through his success as a roving salesman for

American exports. What the world has lost may be more important. In Ron Brown, the Clinton Administration had a passionate and effective advocate of American leadership in post-conflict reconstruction, helping warbattered societies to rebuild their lives. Wherever a peace was signed, it was said. Ron Brown would be on the next flight out of Washington to see what could be done next

- and also to ensure that American corporations got their full share of reconstruction contracts. He believed that the dynamism of American private enterprise was a valuable supplement to foreign policy, arguing that the rapid resumption of trade, agriculture and industrial production was an essential step to healing hatreds and rebuilding the habits of peace.

He brought to his purpose a keen eye for a deal. Whether in the West Bank, Ulster or Bosnia, he set out to convince the private sector that postwar reconstruction was not only good for peace, but good for profits. Business, impressed by his relentless use of political influence to clinch multibilliondellar foreign contracts for American bidders, came on board.

On the fatal flight with him were the very people that Bosnia and Croatia need to rebuild their economies. The team included not only Commerce Department officials but bankers, engineers from companies that

When the aircraft carrying Ron Brown and helped Kuwait to repair its infrastructure after the Gulf War, makers of power generation equipment, men with expertise in water purification, dam-building, telecommunications and modular housing.

Mr Brown himself was en route from Tuzla, in northwest Bosnia, to make a speech to Croatian businessmen in Dubrovnik on American reconstruction policy. He was due in Sarajevo afterwards, to discuss the disbursement of \$200 million in US reconstruction aid. As Carl Bildt, who heads the international civilian operation in Bosnia, said in tribute, this was "a mission for the future, bringing business and bringing hope to the region".

This is the second fatal accident to befall senior American officials on missions of peace in the Balkans. The first was a crash in August last year on the treacherous Mount Igman road into Sarajevo which killed Robert Frasure, the State Department's envoy to former Yugoslavia. This galvanised the Clinton Administration America's peace-broking effort was put into top gear and the result, within four months, was the Dayton accord.

The death of Mr Brown could all too easily act as a further brake on progress. International plans to assist in the rebuilding of Bosnia, technically ready to go ahead, have already been hampered by the failure of governments to come up with the required funds, and to wrangling between the different international organisations involved.

Next week in Brussels, governments will be asked to find a further \$1.2 billion for this year's reconstruction programmes. The most appropriate memorial for this charismatic Democrat wheeler-dealer would be for America, Britain and other donors to inject the same urgency into post-conflict rebuilding in Bosnia that America put into peacemaking after Mr Frasure's death.

CHILDISH RITES

Teachers who rail against Ofsted demean their profession

Easter is the annual time for teaching union conferences: and that means the time for ritual abuse, hardened attitudes and serious deficiencies in the logic department. On Monday the National Union of Teachers will launch another assault on the Office for Standards in Education, the body charged with inspecting schools on behalf of parents, children and taxpayers. Earlier this week. the Association of Teachers and Lecturers' annual conference voted for Ofsted to be

Ofsted is unpopular because it tells some abolished. uncomfortable truths. When research shows that class sizes do not matter much, Ofsted publishes the findings rather than covering them up. As well as praising good teachers and teaching methods, the agency criticises poor ones. Parents are in favour of weeding out bad teachers. So are children; so is the Government: so is the Opposition and so are employers. The only people who think it is wrong to raise the standards of the teaching profession by getting rid of its least effective members are some teachers themselves.

ought to be in the interest of most teachers to see the worst of their colleagues move on Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who runs Ofsted, has estimated that out of the 440,000 teachers in England and Wales, 48,000 are very good or excellent, and 15,000 are incompetent. That means that 97 per cent of teachers are at least satisfactory and many more are good than are bad. Teachers are always complaining that their status in society is low: the removal of a mere 3 per cent of them might do wonders to the esteem in which the profession is held.

But the unions oppose the whole idea of separating good teachers from bad. Ofsted's plan to grade them from one (excellent) to seven (poor) and to deliver the results to their head teacher - not even to parents - has the profession up in arms. This is "judgmental". it is claimed. Well, of course it is. So is the marking of children's work, agreed to be the backbone of successful instruction.

The mentality of those who complain about Ofsted is that of a victim. To listen to these teachers, one might think that they are the most delicate of flowers, for whom any notion of accountability places an intolerable stress on their lives. Inspections are described as "punitive" and Ofsted is begged to bear in mind the effect of its visits on selfesteem and confidence. People who work in the private sector, who complain much less. lead far more precarious lives: they are liable to be made redundant even if their

performance is good. Teachers are in charge of this country's most precious resource (a word they love to use) and it is right to ask them why British schoolchildren are educationally so far behind those of our competitors. If Ofsted is asking this question, and trying to find answers, then it must be doing a good job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Chaos' of social security budget

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, The £92.5 billion social security budget, which takes a third of all the revenue raised from taxpayers more than that of the budgets of all government departments put together, bar health and education — is out of control.

Each year since the election the limits imposed on this budget by the Cabinet have been broken, often by as much as £3 billion, and the Government is unable to fully account for how the budget is spent in most of its major component parts.

In 1988, for instance, the Government introduced income support. which now accounts for £16.6 million of the budget. Every year since then the Auditor General has registered objections to the accounting for this expenditure.

Last month the £45 billion national insurance fund accounts were published (report, March 21). These, too. are queried by the Auditor General. who reports a level of error at 7.5 per cent and fraud at 6.6 per cent on un-

employment benefit alone. Evidence now before the Commons Social Security Select Committee points to a massive level of housing benefit fraud, particularly by landlords and their agents. Prompted by the committee, which is due to report on the subject in the middle of May, the Government is stepping up its campaign against such fraud; but this appears to consist, so far, of little more than helping the police in sening up road blocks to catch cheating cab and

lorry drivers.

Meanwhile, a recent survey of large landlords by the London Boroughs Fraud Investigators Group has exposed a fraud rate of between 11 and 66 per cent in Haringey alone. Some of these landlords draw over £1 million a year in housing benefit; the total benefit taken from tenants across the country is only a matter of speculation, as the Government does not collect the

No major area of social security expenditure gains the unqualified approval of the auditors. If the DSS was a private company the chaos of its accounts would have lead to its closure long before now. And this from a Government which likes to present itself as a tough custodian of taxpayers'

Yours faithfully, FRANK FIELD (Chairman, Social Security Select Committee), House of Commons. April 1.

Sir, The Countryside Movement is

hardly in a position to criticise the

RSPCA for being undemocratic or un-

representative (letter, March 29) when

it has only 16 members itself - its

Board of Directors - with absolute

The movement says in its charter that its first task is to persuade large

numbers of people to register their

support. Attacking the RSPCA is an

odd way of doing this, especially dur-

ing a beef crisis caused by poor ani-

From Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes.

Sir. The animal rights lobby is in-

creasingly at odds with all those who

1991. This provides a written agreed

plan for the after-care of patients by

MP, Chairman of the British

From Professor Elaine Murphy

power to determine policy.

mal husbandry.

Yours faithfully.

RONALD EYRES,

Field Sports Society

Mental health

27 Grove Terrace. NW5.

Science, evolution and why we exist

From Ms Philippa Rann

Sir, Quentin Letts's feature on Richard Dawkins ("Faith, hope and the Darwin man", March 29) illustrates how far Tennessee fundamentalism and Dawkins are trapped in outdated "either-or" thinking, as if creation nec-essarily excludes evolution, or evolution creation.

Science is properly concerned with the mechanics of how things happen or might happen. It cannot answer questions such as. How come the universe exists at all; what is the purpose of the existence of life; why do I exist?

There is also a world of difference between being able to understand, say, astrophysics and relating to one's own father, or brother, or even to one's self. Unfortunately, there are plenty of examples of people who have developed intellectual capacities of the first order but whose personal lives are a shambles.

Recognition of such things is increasing the number of scientists who are moving beyond mechanistic reductionism to an understanding of science which can be integrated with philosophy, theology, spirituality and

other disciplines. Just as there is no contradiction be-tween seeking to understand sociology and seeking to understand economics, there is no essential contradiction between seeking to understand the self-replicating molecule and seeking to know and love God.

If Dr Dawkins would only desist from closing himself with such determination he, too, could discover that his wonder at comets is as nothing compared to the wonder of discovering that there is a real God who loves

Yours faithfully, PHILIPPA RANN, 58 Ridgway Road, Farnham, Surrey.

From Dr Denis R. Alexander

Sir, It is perhaps worth making the obvious point that the vast majority of scientists in this country do not think that the theory of evolution has the ideological overtones that Dr Richard Dawkins claims for it.

In the history of science there have been many attempts to prop up personal ideologies by appeals to prestigious scientific theories, and Dawkins's evangelistic campaign for atheism appears to represent yet another unfortunate example of this genre.

Ironically, it is precisely such misuses of science which tend to alienate the public from science itself, including the theory of evolution, which is

The RSPCA and sensible measures for animal welfare

animal welfare measures.

genuinely seek to promote sensible

It is thus to be welcomed that the

Chairman of the RSPCA Council (let-

ter, April 1) recognises that animal ex-

periments are indeed necessary,

under strictly regulated conditions, for the benefits of mankind.

Furthermore, the Chairman sees

the need for control of foxes. The

British Field Sports Society, who

worked closely with the RSPCA to

produce an agreed text for the Wild

Mammals Protection Bill (1966), looks

forward to continuing a constructive

dialogue on this issue, with argu-

ments based on fact rather than emo-

CHARLES GOODSON-WICKES.

indeed a satisfying, comprehensive and convincing biological theory.

Sincerely yours, DENIS R. ALEXANDER (Head, T Cell Laboratory), The Babraham Institute, Babraham Hall, Babraham, Cambridge. March 30.

From Mr R. E. Weaver

Sir, Quentin Letts finds it odd "to meet a man who truly has no belief in God". Falling church attendances and a general non-religious demeanour in this country should tell him that Daw-kins is part of the majority. He then expresses surprise that Dawkins "retains an appreciation of beauty", as if this were the monopoly of believers.

There seems to be an assumption that either we are all on the side of the angels or that, by the study of science. we become non-believers. Quentin Letts does not credit us in the "cheap seats" with having the ability to think for ourselves. He also seems to confuse religious tenets of behaviour and morality, as if the two were mutually

A good number of us heathens can still look at a comet with awe and talk of the (poetic) soul without implying belief in any supernatural being.

Yours faithfully. R. E. WEAVER, 37 Yeading Avenue, Rayners Lane, Harrow, Middlesex.

From Mr J. M. H. Wright

Sir, When Richard Dawkins is in Tennessee I hope he will use the support that state Senator David Fowler is offering. Fowler objects to Darwinism being taught as a "fact", but perhaps would allow it as a hypothesis. So it is, and so are all our explanations of the world. So also is all our knowledge of the world.

If with Fowler's encouragement our young people can be brought up to examine their elders' supposed facts about the world, including evolutionism and creationism, then he will have done well by them. They may recognise the partial nature of what the creationist's eye tells the creationist's brain. They may accept Karl Popper's criterion for the validity of knowledge
the possibility of its being tested. and its survival against test. Epistemology may yet rule. OK?

Yours faithfully, J. M. H. WRIGHT. 44 Broad Road. Sale, Cheshire. April I.

From Dr Rosemary Rodd

Sir, If Mr Sissons (letter, March 29) or

his friends are thinking of infiltrating

my local RSPCA branch there are two

A typical branch committee mem-

ber is not there for political reasons,

but puts in about 20 hours per week of

practical welfare work - checking prospective homes, fundraising, dog-

walking, animal fostering, helping at the subsidised animal clinic, etc, often

in addition to full-time paid employ-

campaigned to promote respect for

animals. If its traditional campaign

had been more successful the country-

side would not be facing the human

and animal welfare disaster of the

ify the pre-impact serviceability of

ZD 576, and the RAF inquiry could

not rule out malfunctions which

would have left no physical evidence.

on Mark II Chinooks at this time, and

were not well understood. Boscombe

Down test pilots suspended trial

flights of these aircraft on the day be-

The most tragic aspect for all those

who lost loved ones is that they will

probably never know the true cause of

the accident. This must to an extent be

the result of a decision to delay until

1997 fitting cockpit voice and flight

data recorders, despite previous RAF

Chinook crashes. It seems the RAF

now requires the pilots to bear the

Oak Cottages, The Wyne, Newsham.

consequences of that omission.

Richmond, North Yorkshire.

Such malfunctions were occurring

BSE panic.

Yours sincerely, ROSEMARY RODD,

fore the accident.

Yours sincerely.

A. R. H. FAIRFIELD,

76 Sturton Street, Cambridge.

Secondly, the RSPCA has always

ment and family commitments.

points they might like to consider.

in the countryside From the Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and others

Need for reforms

Sir, The crisis in the beef industry has huge implications for the countryside as well as for consumers and farmers (Paul Heiney's article, "... heed the wisdom of the cow ...", April 4).
Grazing animals play an irreplace-

able role in the maintenance of the UK's landscapes and wildlife habitats. Canle have a special significance in the conservation of hay meadows. hedged landscapes, permanent pasture, heath and moor, both on nature reserves and in the country side generally. Any sustained collapse in the beef industry in the UK and other parts of Europe would have a huge impact on landscapes and also on the wildlife of the hills, uplands and grazed lowlands.

This crisis has brought into sharp focus the relationship between food and how it is produced. It is quite clear that for beef farming to recover, it must demonstrate that its products are wholesome, healths and environmentally sustainable. British farmers are quite capable of doing this. This emphasises the need to further develop agriculture policies that are sensitive to the environment, especially those which support grazing land-scapes. Top of the agenda must be the support and promotion of mixed and organic farming.

The Government needs to press for reforms to EU livestock policies to promote quality production, not just quantity, and to inspire consumer confidence. Farmers must be paid on an area basis, rather than per head.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA YOUNG Chief Executive, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, MARTIN DRURY. Director General, National Trust, SIMON LYSTER, Director General, The Wildlife Trusts, ROBIN PELLEW, Director, WWF-UK, FIONA REYNOLDS. Director, Council for the Protection of Rural England, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge. Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Not alone

From Dame Barbara Cariland

Sir. I enjoyed the article in Weekend (March 23) on "Why we want to be listed among the "celebrity singles". My two sons, who are my managers, have moved their London office to my home here in Hertfordshire, to-

gether with their secretary. I have three secretaries of my own who deal with my books and huge amount of letters from around the world. I also have residential staff, in-

cluding my chef who has been with me for over 30 years.

Far from being alone I am surrounded by my wonderful family and

dogs, and all my staff. Yours sincerely. BARBARA CARTLAND.

Camfield Place, Hatfield, Hertfordshire. April 2

Girls behaving badly From Miss J. Plucknett

Sir, For two successive weeks your listing for The Girlie Show in Vision magazine described it as "girls being laddish". As the programme involves females openly discussing sex and drinking alcohol, they are - in your opinion - attempting to escape their sexuality. In an era of supposed equality be-

tween the sexes you seem to have adopted a narrow view of femininity. It presents an offensive stereotype of the behaviour of both men and women. Whatever your opinion of the programme, or its presenters, I feel you should respect the issues it is attempting to confront. Yours faithfully,

J. PLUCKNETT. Withys Road. 1 Brittens, Paulton, Bristol, Avon. April 2.

Called to account From the Head of Tiverton

High School

Sir. I notice that the Prime Minister has not yet let us know that it is his intention to have a secondary modern school in every town. I wonder why? Yours faithfully,

ROGER LAMBERT, Head, Tiverton High School. Bolham Road, Tiverton, Devon. April 3.

Ups and downs

From Mr R. Vaughan-Davies

Sir. Surely the definitive judgment on averages (letters, March 25, 29) was delivered by the club porter who, when asked what the average tip was, is said to have replied: "The average is 55." adding thoughtfully. "but most gentlemen give more."

Yours faithfully. RICHARD VAUGHAN-DAVIES. Little Paddock, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester.

Sir, Dr Matt Muijen asserts (report, March 28) that mental health inquiries are mostly worthless. The inquiry by Mr John Spokes, QC (which started in 1987), into the homicide of Isobel Schwarz by Sharon Campbell in Bex-ley hospital, Kent, in 1984 led directly that of senior RAF officers. to the Government's determination to implement the Care Programme Approach, which became obligatory in

health and social-work professionals. Protests by psychiatrists and meniff Sir Stephen Young was that of "baltal-health nurses that they are being exposed unfairly to public criticism in recent inquiries into homicides by the mentally ill merely serve to fuel the public's suspicion that professionals prefer to keep their working practices

hidden from scrutiny. Inquiries are not set up only to prevent recurrences of such tragic events. They provide explanations for bereaved relatives and also for the families of mentally-ill persons who may feel guilty as well as let down by the Sir, I agree with Mr Derek Duncan health and social services for a failure, as they see it, to provide sufficient pro-(letter, April 2) that comets are boring.

tective care. There is much to be learnt about the most cost-effective way to conduct inquiries after such cases occur. Not all require the involvement of lawyers, but the principle of providing an opportunity for public scrutiny of services after tragic events have occurred must be maintained.

Yours sincerely, ELAINE MURPHY (Chairman), City and Hackney Community Services NHS Trust, St Leonard's Primary Care Centre, Nuttall Street, N1.

Chinook inquiry

British Field Sports Society. 59 Kennington Road, SE1.

Yours faithfully.

Chairman.

April 1.

From Captain A. R. H. Fairfield

Sir. The outcome of the fatal accident inquiry (report. March 22) at Paisley Sheriff's Court as to the cause of the tragic Chinook crash on the Mull of Kintyre in June 1994 appears to have reached a very different conclusion to This is the second time these officers

have heard the news that the evidence did not support a conclusion of "pilot error". The first time was from their own board of inquiry. The standard of proof used by Sher-

ance of probability". But guidance given in the RAF Manual of Flight Safety states: "Only in cases in which there is no doubt whatsoever should deceased aircrew be found negligent." The Air Accidents Investigation

Branch technical report could not ver-Watchers of the sky From Mr Robert Vincent

Despite its claimed speed of 10,000

miles per hour, to my eye it moved no

more than a couple of inches from late at night until early morning. Give me "shooting stars" any day. Yours faithfully, ROBERT VINCENT,

Dilly House, Wildhem, Andover, Hampshire.

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Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Royal Armouries From Mrs Gersil N. Kay

Sir, Considering the great importance

of tourism worldwide it has been a brilliant move to make the extraordinary collection of the Royal Armouries available to view in the new museum in Leeds (report and picture, March As well as at the Tower of London. visitors can now see this material in this interesting city, so important in British industrial archeology.

Good show! Sincerely yours. GERSIL N. KAY (Chairman). Building Conservation International. 1901 Walnut Street, Suite 902. Philadelphia, PA 19103.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 4: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Norwich Airport and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Norwich Cathedral and were received at Erpingham Gate by the Bishop of Norwich (the Right Reverend Peter Knott) and the Lord Mayor of Norwich (Councillor Mrs Lila Cooper) and at the West Door, by the Dean of Norwich (the Very

Reverend Stephen Platten). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Maundy Service at which Her Majesty distributed the Royal

The Right Reverend John Taylor (Lord High Almoner) and the Reverend William Booth (Sub-Almoner) were present.

the Yeoman of the Guard were Her Majesty and His Royal

The Queen's Body Guard of

Highness afterwards attended a Reception in the Deanery. After visiting Guildhall

Hill, The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. honoured the Lord Mayor with her presence at Luncheon in City Hall. This afternoon Her Majesty

and His Royal Highness visit-ed Doughty's Hospital and were received by the Chairman, Norwich Consolidated Charities (Mrs Claire Frostick) and the Director, Almshouse Association (Mr

David Scott). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the Hospital, escorted respectively by the Matron (Mrs Jean Whitlam) and Miss Muriel Smith (Assistant Matron), and met residents and staff.

Birthdays today

Professor John Albery. Master, University College, Oxford, 60; Miss Jane Asher. actress, 50; Mr Albert (Cubby) Broccoli, film producer, 87; Mr Michael Bryant, actor, 68; Mr James Buckley, chief executive, Baltic Exchange, 52; Mr A.R.F. Buxton, chairman,

Barclays Bank, 57. Baroness Delacourt-Smith of Alteryn, 80; Mr Tom Finney. former footballer, 74: Dr John Gilbert. MP, 69; Mr Arthur Hailey, author, 76; Mr Nigel Hawthorne, actor, 67; Sir Douglas Henley, former Auditor General, 77: Professor Denis Lawton, former director, London University Institute of Education, 65; Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, former Admiral President, RN College Greenwich, 60.

Professor Donald Lynden-Bell, astronomer, 61; Mr Robert E. McKee. former chairman and managing-director. Conoco (UK), 50; Mr Stuart May, senior partner, Theodore Goddard, 59; Professor Peter Moore, former Principal, London Business School, 68: Mr Stanley Orme. MP. 73; Mr Gregory Peck. actor, 80; Miss Jennifer Penney, ballerina, 50; General Colin Powell, KCB, former chairman, American Joint Chiefs of Staff, 59; Lord Rockley, 62.

Latest wills

Lord Goodman, of London WI, solicitor, former chairman of the Arts Council and Master of University College, Oxford, left estate valued at £408,638 net.

He left £34.500, some effects and three quarters of the residue to personal legaces and a quarter of the residue to the Bouverle Trust. Mr Simon Dyer, of Kew, Surrey, Director-General of the AA since 1987, left estate valued at £579,846 net. Other estates include (net, before

Mr Jakob Broder, of Richmond.

Luncheon

Blacksmiths' Company
The Amhassador of Finland was the guest of honour at the Ladyday court luncheon of the Blacksmiths Company held yesterday at Inn-holders' Hall. Mr Clifford Champion, Prime Warden, presided. The Masters of the Vintners', Pewterers'. Innholders' and Farriers' Companies were among those present.

Edmund Gavin

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Edmund Gavin will be beld at St Paul's Church. Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, on Saturday, April 20, at noon.

Britannia Royal **Naval College**

THE Duke of Kent took the salute at a passing out parade held at Britannia Royal Naval College (Commodore A P Masterton-Smith ADC Royal Navy) on Tues-day. The following officers passed

Direct graduate entry, seaman: Sub Lieutenants R A Bernard, M A J Bull, J J Clague, J S Codd, D A Daveney, E Davies, S N Day, B R Dickins, N P Foster, L H Grieve, C J Hefford, G R G Jappy, D J Jones, D J Mason, R L Miles, H Nathanson, A F Northover, S E Oakley, A D Philip, E E A Stuart, L L Thomsen, D E Tilney, C J Weeks,

S West. Naval college entry, seaman: Sub Lieutenants M C Corden, M J Elward, C J Gare, T G Griffiths, L R Harwood. B G Stait, S C Tomes. University entry, seaman: Midshipmen S J Gilmore, A A

Resheph. Direct graduate entry, engineer: Sub Lieutenants A M Brown, H R Harding, S E Hunwicks, A M Kendrick, M A Kingdom, A J Lewis, G K Punch, J M Sayer.

Naval college entry, engineer: Midshipmen D J Newman, C M L Russell University entry, engineer: Midshipmen S J Gilmore, A A

Resheoh. Direct graduate entry, supply and Sub Lieutenants J M Chiles, S J

MEYER - On April 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Aryan (nés Shelidal) and Philip, a beautiful son, Darius.

NDOCA - On March 28th at The Portland Hospital. to

Dobbins, D A G Exworthy, H R Gullett, A Kennedy, S J Lewis, D K Reed, M P Wells. Naval college entry, supply and secretaria:

Midshipmen DS Astle, EJ Finn, R

I Haines. Direct graduate entry, 77 flight pilot: Sub Lieutenant D J Stirling. Direct graduate entry. 77 flight

observers: Sub Lieutenant M J Heaney. Naval college entry. 77 flight

Midshipmen J Burbidge, M R INTERNATIONALS, 95/3:

Midshipmen R Alfred, B E K Atlayo, R Channer, S Clarke, Fahad Al Otaibi, Haji Abdul Rozaimi, Hussain Talal. Hussain Al Zaabi, Khalid Ali Al-Muqbali, Khalid Yousef Al Shallal, N Miller, Mohammed Al Hammadi, Mohammed Al Noaimi, Mohammed Obiad Bal Hai, Mubarak Al Zaabi, E C Skerrit.

Internationals: Midshipmen Abdul Rahman Al Beemani, Abdullah Al Rashdi, Abdullah Sultan Al Jabri, Ahmed Suleman Al Busaidi, Awadh Said Qayoudy, Bader Al Busaidi, Dawood Al Shaibani, Hamood Abdullah Al Habsi, Hilal Nasser Al Riyami, Khalid Nasib Al Shihi, Nasser Al Harthi, Yaqoob Yasser



which she distributed the Royal Maundy to 70 men and women

University news

Appointments to Chairs

Professor C H Kirkpatrick, Professor of Development Economics, University of Bradford, to be Professor of Development Economics in the Institute for Development Policy and Management from September I. Dr J H Scarffe, and Dr Nicholas Thatcher, Readers and Honorary Consultants in Medical Oncology in the university, to be Professors of Oncology in the Department of Medical Oncology. Mr F I Nixson, Reader in Dev-

dopment Economics in the School

elogment Economics in the School of Economic Studies Mr C J Easingwood, Senior Lec-turer in Marketing in the Manchester Business School and in the Faculty of Business Administration in the university, to be Professor of Marketing in the Manchester Business School and in the Faculty of Business Admin-Mr J W Henderson, Senior Lec-

turer in Economic Sociology and Organisational Analysis in Manchester Business School and in the Faculty of Business Administration in the university, to be of Economic Studies in the univer-sity, to be Professor of Dev-Professor of International Economic Sociology in Manchester

Business School and in the Faculty of Business Administration. Mr Tudor Rickards, Senior Lecturer in Creativity in the Manchester Business School and in the Faculty of Business Administration in the university, to be Professor of Creativity and Organisational Change in the Manchester Business School and

n the Faculty of Business Admin East Anglia, Norwich The following will receive Honor-ary Degrees from UEA Norwich: DLitt: Mr Timothy West and Miss Prunella Scales, Professor Olive Stevenson. ScD: Professor Anthony Clare, Professor of Psychiatry, Trinity College, Dublin, The Earl of Selborne, Vice-President of the Foundation for Science and Technology, Richard Gregory, Emeritus Professor of Neuropsychology, Bristol University.

Professor Mario Jose Molina and Professor Frank Sherwood Rowland, 1995 Nobel Prize winners for chemistry, honorary Doctors of DCI: Mr Richard Jarrold

Managing Director of Jarrold & Sons, Norwich, Mr Bryan Read, Chairman of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival MSc Mr William H Strawson, a Lincolnshire farmer.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Barry Rose, Vicar stead Green and Halstead w Gree Rural Dean of Hinckford (Chehns ford): to be also a non-Residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rev Barry Saunders, Vicar, Treverbyn: so be Vicar, Perranzabuloe(Truro). The Rev Andrew Sheard, Assistant

The Rev Arthur Sideall, Assistant Curate in the Uxbridge Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, St. Margarets, Uxbridge, in the Uxbridge Team Ministry (London). The Rev Arthur Sideall, Hon Chaplain to All Saints', Leatherhead (Guildford): to be Vicar. St Bartholomew, Chipping w Michael, Whitwell (Blackburn). The Rev Stephen Silvester, Assistant Curate, St Jude's, Nottingham, and Minister-in-Charge. Wells Community Church: to be Vicar, St Luke's, Gamston and

Bridgiord (Southwell): The Rev Beryl Stannard, Assistant Priest, St Alban's, Streatham Park (Southwark): to be Associate Priest, Gerrards Cross and Pubmer

The Rev Christopher Stone, NSM. Southflee: to be also Diocesan Communications Officer (Rochester). The Rev Leighton Thomas, Priest-

in-Charge, Suiton Courtenay w Appleford: to be also Rural Dean of Abingdon (Oxford).
The Rev Dr Michael Wadsworth. Vicar, Haddenham and Wilbur-

ton, Rural Dean of Ely, and chairman of the Diocesan Adult Education Council: to be also an Hororary Canon of Ely Cathedral. The Rev Peter Walker, Vicar, Porthleven w Sithney: to be also Rural Dean of Kerrier (Truro).

The Rev Richard Whittington.
Curate, St James, Enfield (London): to be Priest-in-Charge, Ightham (Rochester).

The Rev John Whitwell, Rector, St

Michael and All Angels, Manor Park (Little Ilford), and Area Dean of Newham (Chelmsford): to be also a non-residentiary Canon of Cheimsford Cathedral

The Rev Howard Worsley, Assistant Curate, All Saints', Huthwaite to be Vicar, St Peter's, Radford (Southwell). Resignations and retirement

The Rev John Leeman, Assistant Curate (NSM), Hull, St Mary Scullcoates (York): to resign as from Easter 1996. Prebendary Bernard Maddox, Master of St John's Hospital, Lichfield: to retire May 31. The Rev Dennis Mihill, Vicar.

Holy Cross, Motspur Park (Southwarkt to retire October 31. The Rev Robert Swanborough Vicar, Great Coxwell w Buscot, Coleshill and Eaton Hastings (Oxford); to retire April 30. The Rev John Tyers, Rector, Ight-field w Calverhall, in plurality with Ash (Lichfield): to retire

June 30. Canon Michael Welch, Vicar, St Barnabas, Swanmore, and Hon Canon of Portsmouth Cathedral:

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. De Witt and Miss J.E. Potter

The engagement is announce; between lan, son of Mr Roger L' Witt, of Victoria, Australia, an Mrs Jim Baker, of Lydne Gloucester, and Jane Elizabeth daughter of Mr and Mrs Davi Potter, of Oadby, Leicestershire. Mr D.P. Hayward

and Miss J.L. Black The engagement is announce between David, son of Mr an Mrs R.H. Hayward, of Enderb Hall, Enderby, Leicestershire, an Joseph Louise, eldest daughter to Mr and Mrs J.A.C. Black, c Holborn Lodge, Sedgley. Wes Midiands.

Mr N.P. Houre and Miss M-L.A. Hamill-Stewar The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr C.S. Hoare and of Mrs I.P. Hoare, of Medstead, Hampshire, and Mary-Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamili-Stewart. of Mougins, France.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Hobbes, philos-opher, Malmesbury, Wilshire, 1588: Jean Honore Fragonard, painter, Grasse, France, 1732: Sir Henry Havelock, general, relieved Lucknow during the Indian Mu-tiny, Sunderland, 1795; Joseph Lister, Baron Lister, surgeon and founder of antiseptic medicine, Upton, Essex, 1827; Algers 's Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1837; Spencer Tracy, actor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1900; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, Salzburg, 1908.

DEATHS: William Brouncker. 2nd Viscount Brouncker, mathematician, first President of the Royal Society 1662-77, London, 1684; Georges-Jacques Danton, French Revolution leader, executed, Paris, 1794; William Gilpin, writer. Boldre, 1804; Robert Raikes, pioneer of Sunday schools. Gloucester, 1811; Paul Vidal de la Blache, geographer, Tamaris-sur-Mer, 1918; George Edward Her-bert, 5th Earl of Camarvon, archaeologist, Cairo, 1923; Doug-las MacArthur, American army general, Washington, 1964; Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in China 1928-49, Taiwan, 1975; Howard Hughes, manufacturer, aviator and film producer, on flight to Houston, Texas, 1976: Sir Arthur Harris. Marshal of the RAF, Garing, Oxfordshire, 1984.

Johann Strauss's opera Die Fledermaus was first performed in Vienna, 1874.

The trial of Oscar Wilde began at the Old Bailey for offences arising from his friendship with Lord Alfred Douglas, 1895. Winston Churchill resigned as Prime Minister, 1955. The British Task Force sailed from uthampton for the Falkland

Islands after the invasion by

Argentina, 1982.

Church services today

Good Friday

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9.15 MP. 10 Liturgy of Good Friday, Crux Fidelis (Terry), Agnus Dei (Jeffcoat), O saviour of the World (Goss): 12 The Three Hours, Canon A Luff; 6 Choral E, Holman in F minor, Truly

this was (Bach). BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 10.30 Liturgy; 12-3 Three Hours Devotion, Canon R Barker.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Lin urgy of the Cross, Litany (Loosemore), Passion (Victoria); 12 Three Hours Devotion, Rev S Van; 5:30 E, Short Service (Morley), Ecce quomodo moritur justus (Victoria); 7:30 Fauré Requiem.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 12 M. The Litany, The Lamentation (Bairstow), Benedictus (Tonus Peregrinus), Crucifisus (Lotti); I Meditation; 2 Liturgy, St. John Passion (Victoria), Archdeacon B Hodgson. CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8.15 Ante

C; 12 The Three Hours, The Dean; 5.15 EP; 7.45 Liturgy & C, Plainsong, Crux Fidelis (John of Portugal), Canon D Knight. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10 M, The Precentor: 12 Churches Together, Fr A Mayoss: 5.30 E; 6 Liturgy, Fr A Mayoss. COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 9 Liturgy, Crucifixus (Lotti), Reproaches (Wright), Crux fidelis (John of Portugal), Canon V Faull; 12 Liany: 12.40 Midday Prayer: 5 EP, 6 St Matthew Passion (Bach).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP & L: 12-3 The Three Hours: 12 Liturgy of Good Friday.
The passion according to St John (Victoria).
Missa orbis factor, Drop drop slow tears
(Gibbons). Prayer & Meditation. Canon D
Hodgson: 2 Commemoration of the passion of
Jesus Christ: 5.15 EP: 6.15 United Services. Rev
Prof J Drom.

Prof J Dunn. GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 10 M. L & Ante-Communion: 12 Three Hours Devotion; 5.30 Evensung for Good Friday, Second Service (Tornkins).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8
Ante Communion: 10.30 Family: 11.30 United
Services of Witness in the Market Square, The
Bishop: 12-3 The Three Hours Devotion, Rev Bishop: 12-3 The Three Hours Devotion, Rev G Johnson; 5:30 EP; 7:30 Concert of Music for LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 9.30 L & AnteCommunion, Litany in Procession (Tallis), The Lamentation (Bairstow), Passion Gospel (Value a), The Dean; 12 Three Hours Devotion led by Dr S Parson; 3.15 Hymns for Good Priday; 5.15 E, Tones VII and I with fauthourdons (Tallis). Crucifixus (B minor many (Rach)

mass) (Bach). LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 The Way of the Cross, A Good Friday Procession; 2 The Last Hour: 7.30 Recital of words & music for Good Friday.

LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 8.30 M; 9.15 Children: 10.15 Solemn L of the Passion & Death of our Lord; The Litany (Tallis), The Lamentation (Bairstow). The Passion of our Lord according to St John; 12-3 The Three Hours Devotion, Rev M Davies: 4.30 The Way of the Cross: 6 E, Short Service (Weelkes), Crucifixus etiaza pro nobis (Loti). NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 1.30 Meditation in readings & music, Ex ore innocentium (Ireland): 7.30 Liturgy of the Lord's Death, St (Ireland); 7.30 Liturgy of the Lord's Death, St Johns Passion (Victoria), Agnus Dei (Pale-strina), Bishop K Gill.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10 Children: 12 The Three Hours Devotion; 7.30 Concert.
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8 M & PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8 M & L: 830-12 Watch of the Passion; 12-3 Liturgy: 12-145 Preaching of the Passion, The Archdeacon; 1.45-3 Munsitry of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion, Agrus Dei (Byrd), Lamentations (Tallis), Crucibius (Lotti): 5-30 E. Plainsong with fauchourdons (Morley), Alex verum corpus (Byrd), Praise to these Lester Schutzi thee Lord Jesus (Schutz).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 10 Devotion, Rev Dr J Cullen; 4 Children; 5.30 E is no Peregrinus & 1st tone with faux-boardens in the departure of the Lord (Bull). Tonus Peregrinus & 1st tone with faux-bourdons (Byrd): 7.30 Procession; 8 Dancing in the Dark.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 10 Liturgy of the Day & Choir. Litary (Tallis). Passion (Plainsong), Crucifixus a 8 (Lotti): 12 Three (Plainsong), Crucifixus a 8 (Louis Le 1100) Hours Devotion, The Archdeacon; 5.45 EP, 8

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 8.30 MP; 9.30 Stations of the Cross; 10.30 Liturgy of the Cross, The Passion according to St John, Crux

PERSONAL COLUMN

Crucifixus etiam pro pobis (Lotti). TRURO CATHEDRAL 9 M: 10 Liturgy; 11.15 United service at High Cross; 12 The Three Hours Devotion, The Chancellor; 5.30

E, Fauxbourdons (Morley), Crocifixus (Lotti). WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 9 M in the Quire, 10.30 Ecumenical Service, Mgs B Steele, 12 The Three Hours Devotion. The Provost; 7.30 Liturgy, St John Passion (Victoria), The Reproaches (Sanders), Drop drop slow tears (Leighton).

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 Antecommunion; 10 M, The Lamentation (Bairstow), Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti); 12 Three hour devotion conducted by the Bishop of Taunton; 5.45 Stations of the Cross: 7.30 Music for Good

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 7.30 M; 12 Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross, St. John Passion (Victoria), The Dean: 1.30 A Dramatized Canticle; 5 E. Short Service (Causton), O you convies (Casuls), Crus fidelis (King John IV of Portugal). YORK MINSTER: 10 M & Ante-Commu

nion. The Lamentations (Bairnow), Benedictus (toneus peregrinus) (Moore), Kyrie Missa Brevis (Leighton), St Matthew Passion (Victoria), In the departure of the Lord (Bull): 12-3 Three Hours Devotional Service: 4 E. Fanghourdons (Tallis), Crucifinus (Lott); 7.30 Leited Act of Wenther United Act of Worshin. ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 12 Meditation with Hymns: 2 Good Friday Liurgy ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 7.45 MP. L &

Ante-Communion: 10 Family: 12 The Three Hours Devotion, The Bishop: 6 EP. ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark 8 Stations of the Cross: 8.30 Office of Readings: 10 Children's Stations: 3 Solemn liturgy led by Archbishop; 7.30 Service round of the Cross ST GILES CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8

HC: 12 Daily Service: 8 Evening with readings, prayers, ambems & sermon. The Minister. ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 10 M &

L in Procession, The Lamentarion (Bairstow), Miserere (Allegri), Litany (Tallis); 12-3 The Three Hours Devotion, 12-2 The Preaching of

fidelis (John IV of Portugal), The Lamentation (Bairstow): 12 Three Hours Devotion. The Littingy, The Bishop: 5 E. Tonus peregritus (Victorial, Rev J Paul ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 9 MP: 6 EP. 12-1 The Preaching of the Passion, The

to retire June 30.

n Liturgy. ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 10 Good-Pamity Service, Rev R Bewes; 12-3 Good-Priday Service of Meditation, Rev R Salishaming

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 3 Popule meus (Vittoria), Is it nothing to you? CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11 Good Friday Service, Rev S Hood.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton

Road, SW7: 12-3 Good Friday Musical Meditation, Rev S Millar. THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10 Tenebrae (Responsories-Victoria), 12 Stations of the Cross for children; 3 Liturgy of the Passion, Turba choruses (Byrd), Crucifixus (Lotti); 6.30 Stations of the Cross.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWI: 10.45 Good Friday, Prayer & Meditation, Rev Dr R Gibbins & Rev Dr P Graves: 11.45 "Westminster Crucifizion", Open air procession of witness.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran). Gresham St. EC2: 11 Good Friday Liturgy, St Gresham St. EU2: II Good Friday Liturgy, St. Matthew Passion (Schutz).

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, ECI: 10.45 Choral M: 11.30 Distribution of the Butterworth Charity; 12 Solema Liturgy of the Passion, Passion according to St John (Victoria), Crux fidelis (John of Portugal), Christus factus est (Bruckner). ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 12 Three

Hours Devotion before the Cross; 1-2 Pergole-ST CLEMENT DANES: II Devotional

Service, Passion according to St John (Victoria), Have mercy Lord (Bach), God so loved the world (Stainer), Rev N Heron.

ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11 Service for Good Friday, Rev C MacLend. ST ETHELDREDA'S. Ely Place 3 Sacred Liturgy, Christu Pactus Est (Anerio). Passion

according to St John (Victoria), Reproaches (Victoria), Tenebrae Pactae Sunt (Poulenc). Christe (Rosselli), O Vos Omnes (Casals). ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, WI: 10 L & Ante-Communion: 230 Vespers & Passion according to St John (Bach).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 12-3 The Three Hours including six addresses led by Bishop P. Selby; 8 St John Passion (Bach), ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 12-3 Around the Cross, Rev D Richards.

ST MARK'S. Regents Park Rd. NWI: 11 Passion (Victoria), O vos omnes (Casals). ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SWI: 10.30 M & Litany, Agnus Dei op 11 (1967) (Barber). Litany (Tallis), Drop drop slow tears (Waiton). Canon D Grav. ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 10

Good Friday Liturgy: 12 The Three Hours Devotion with Music, The Vicar. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 10 Lingry of the Day: 12 Three Hours Preaching of the Cross, Rev R McLaren; 6.30 The Crucifizion (Stainer).

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 11 St John Passion (Ridgley-Whitehouse), Reproaches crux fidelis (John of Portugal), Crucifixu (Loti), Were you there? (Lloyd), ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW123
An Hour at the Cross; 3 Liturgy of the
Passion, St John Passion (Victoria), Crux
Fidelis (John IV of Portugal). CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA. HM Tower of London: 7 The Crucinion of Christ, A Good Friday service

of meditation in words & music. CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 12 The Litarry, The Passion according to St John (Vintoria), Rev S Williams.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace.
II Ante-Communion & Reading of the Passion, Messe Basse (Fauré). QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY.
WC2: II M. Lamentations (Bairstow), Ave
verum (Mozart), Rev Dr R Burridge: I2 One
Hour's Devotion. THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 11.15

MP & Ante-Communion, The Lamentations of Jeremiah (Bairstow), Benedictus (Ireland in C), The Master.

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SERVICES

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PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 BIRTHS may be revered. Peaks 130 : 3, 4 (REB) PRESTON - Malcolm and Sheena are delighted to amounce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Jessica BIRTHS

THE STIMES BIRTH AND DEATH NOTICES

To place your Birth or Death Notices over the Easter Holiday period please call during the following times.

Friday 5th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Saturday 6th April 9.00am - 12.60pm Monday 8th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Tel: 0171 680 6880. Fax: 0171 481 9313

BIRTHS WORSLEY - On April 3rd, to Journal Once Statuton) and Henry, a damphier, Alicia, a TRUE - On 30th March 1996, to Galmielle (née Mee) and DEATHS to Gabrielle (nie Mee) and Philip, a daughter, Alice Catherine, a sister for Cilver. TURNER - On 30th March at Queen Charlotte's Hospital (thank you to colleagued), to Lucy (nie Auld) and Matthew, a daughter, Annabelle Sarah Mayson.

ARTHUR - Richard Robert, aged 44, at St Michael's Hospics. Hersford on April 5rd after a long tilness bravely bottle. Lt Col MEE, the Royal Marines, Parachute Regiment. the SAS, also service with the Saltan of Oman's Armed Fornes. Beloved husband of Maley and Michael and Saltan of Department of Michael and Saltan of Contain's Armed Fornes. Forces. Beloved husband of Helen, only son of higher and Helen and son of higher the loved brother of Gillian and Susan. Puneral al Stiriting Lines. Heresford on April 10th at \$1.15 am. Mensuriat service to be held at Belmout Abbey at a later date to be assounced. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

BEGG - Alexander Hogh - In Monace on 30th March peacefully after a short illness. Very much loved husband and wonderful companion of Robin and loving father of Nicola, Alexandra and Victoria. He will be enterly minuted by off RAW - Molly, widow of Kingaley and mother of Mary-Edmbeth, suddenly at home in Kidderminster on April 2nd. Funeral at 12 noon. Stourbridge Crematorium, April 1 In, No flowers, if desired, donations to St George's Crypt. Leeds.

BARTLETT - John Adams
(Jock) of Culland House,
formerly of Hallon Lodge,
Waverton, aged 90, died in
his sleep on 26th March.
Sadly missed by John,
Michael Pierre and Ambony
and 15 grandchildren.
Service Waverton Church
Saturday 20th April
11.30am, Family flowers
only, Donations if desired to
Macmilian Nurses Fund.

HODGART - On April 3rd at Brighton General Hospital, Professor Matthew John Caldwell aged 79. Very dear husband of Patricia and father of Jame and Stephen and stephen of Suzgatus. Private cremation. Papally

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE BELL - On April 5, 1911. suddenly at Printing House Square, E.C., Charles Frederick Moberley Bell. Managing Director of The Times, of 22 Park Crescot. Portland Place, W., aged 64. VYVYAN - (Crown) Jennife

DEATHS

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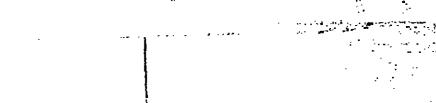
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onald Brown, United States ecretary for Commerce and former chairman of the nocratic Party, died in an air sh near Dubrovnik, Croatia, April 3 aged 54. He was born Nashington on August I, 1941.

)NSUMMATE deal-maker, said as smart as his slickly tailored Ron Brown was one of the most ble political insiders in Washing-He was a close friend of President n and a major architect of his lection victory. But almost from oment he was rewarded with a in the Clinton Cabinet his ial dealings became the focus of

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turn for help in ending the US embargo against Vietnam, he . no sooner been cleared by the tice Department than a fresh arge was laid. This time he was illeged to have received \$400,000 from a consulting firm which he had coowned, but for which he had done virtually no work. President Clinton resisted Republican demands for Brown's dismissal, but Attorney-Genrài Janet Reno appointed a Special Counsel last July to conduct a criminal investigation into his financial affairs. The inquiry was still going on at the time of his death.

'Yet despite the blight of financial scandal. Brown was hailed by business leaders as one of the most effective Commerce Secretaries ever. This position - often seen as a backwater post for loyal but plodding warhorses was, to the surprise of those who knew the commanding but charm-mongering Brown, his first choice. Nursing an ambition for corporate power, he saw it as a way of getting to know company

Brown brought the somewhat moribund Cabinet department to life. He recruited sharp, aggressive policymakers and, concentrating resources on US export promotion, set up a "war room" to monitor emerging markets. He was an indefatigable traveller, heading frequent delegations of leading American executives on overseas trips to push for contracts and bring down trade barriers. In 1994 he was the first US Cabinet Minister to visit Belfast on official business, heading a delegation at an investment conference. He con-

RONALD BROWN



tinued to work to rebuild the Ulster economy during the IRA ceasefire and it was partly as a result of this success that the President sent him on the mission to the former Yugoslavia. It was here that he met his death.

Ronald Harmon Brown grew up in New York's Harlem district where his father - who was later to become an official in the Roosevelt Administration - managed a hotel. It was here that Brown first acquired his taste for the quick deal. Already as a 10-year-old boy he was trading the autographs of celebrities, the black entertainers, politicians and sports stars, who swirled

through the lobby of his father's hotel. Though his parents were both graduates of Howard University, the black institute of higher learning in Washington, Brown was exclusively educated at a series of predominantly white private schools, and went on to Vermont's elitist Middlebury College. Here he was invited to become a member of a student fraternity whose

charter banned blacks. He joined - on condition that he got full rather than associate membership — and the fraternity was forced to break with its

national chapter.

After graduating with a degree in political science in 1962, Brown joined the US Army, serving in Korea and rising to the rank of captain. He returned to New York four years later and, while studying law at St John's University, earned his living as a social worker for the national Urban League, the inner-city lobby that was an important component of the US civil

In 1973 Brown moved to Washington, where he became a spokesman for the league. At a time when the organisation still had considerable political influence, it was to prove a crucial turning point in his career. Within five

years he had become second-in-command of the Urban League, and Senator Edward Kennedy had asked him to act as deputy manager of his 1980 presidential bid to displace Jimmy Carter as the Democratic nominee.

Although Kennedy's campaign failed, Brown's management of the California primary, which Kennedy won, earned him the plum position of chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was the first black to hold such a post, and went on to become Kennedy's own general counsel and staff director.

Brown was now playing for high political stakes. In 1982 he was made deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee, holding the post for three years before, pleading the need to make more money, he became a partner in Patton. Boggs and Blow, a Washington law firm well known for its lobbying influence. Brown added such companies as Sony and American Express to the firm's already wealthy client list. He also found himself advising such controversial clients as Baby Doc" Duvalier. His reputation as a subtle negotiator

and conciliator grew, and in 1988 he managed the potentially divisive Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Brown succeeded in soldering the relationship between Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis and prevented a split in the party. His reward, the following year, was elec-tion by an overwhelming margin to the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee - he was the first black man to hold such a post in a major American political party.

"Let me speak frankly," he said in his acceptance speech. "I did not run on the basis of race, but I will not run away from it, i am proud of who I am and I am proud of this party, for we are truly America's last best hope to bridge the divisions of race, region, religion and ethnicity."

Although some feared that Brown's long-standing friendship with Jesse Jackson, for whom he worked in the 1984 and 1988 campaigns, would steer the party to the left, this concern proved unfounded. His efforts to draw the fissiparous Democrats towards the political centre were largely responsible for the party's return to the White House in 1992. It was a debt which President Clinton, not averse to dismissing members of his Cabinet in

times of trouble, never forgot.
Ron Brown is survived by his wife, and by a son and a daughter.

WATKIN WILLIAMS

Sir Peter Watkin Williams, former overseas judge, died on March 26 aged 84. He was born on July 8, 1911.

AT LEAST once in his life. Peter Watkin Williams made headlines. This was when, as Chief Justice of Malawi in 1969, he resigned, together with three other High Court judges, in protest against a change in the judicial system This judicial walkout followed the passing by the Malawi legislature of the Local Courts Amendment Act. The Act empowered the country's indigenous, traditional courts not just to try murder cases but to impose the death penalty without allowing the defen-dant the right of appeal to the High Court. President Hastings Banda considered this step necessary because those accused of witchcraft murders

were too often being acquitted through legal technicalities. But the four British judges. all working under contract inthe freshly independent country that had previously been Nyasaland, made it clear in a resignation statement that they could not accept this new departure. The cause of justice, they said, would not be adequately safeguarded.

His strong stand on a point of principle was one of which Watkin Williams's forebears would have approved. Born near Honiton, Devon, he was the son of a prominent solicitor, Robert Thesiger Watkin Williams, who became a Master in Chancery at the Royal Courts of Justice, and grand-son of a judge and former Liberal MP of the Gladstone

The young Watkin Williams went from Sherborne School to Pembroke College, Cambridge, which he had to leave after a year when his father was the victim of embezzlement. Forced to give up univ-ersity life, Watkin Williams taught for a while at a prep school in Westgate-on-Sea,



while studying law in his spare time, before being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple

in 1935.

He then practised in Shanghai where he met up again with a young diplomat, William Hayter (later, as Sir William Hayter, Ambassador to Moscow), who had been a Cambridge contemporary and was to become a lifelong When the Japanese were

threatening Shanghai, he left to join his elder sister and brother-in-law in Rhodesia. where he was commissioned into the Army. He subsequently served in the Mediterranean, where at one time he was stationed in the Greek islands. But when he was demobilised in 1946 with the rank of captain he had managed to survive the war without seeing enemy action.

Watkin Williams then joined the Colonial Legal Ser-vice and was sent as a resident magistrate to Uganda where he was stationed at Mbale. Masaka and Kampala, before moving to Trinidad and Tobago in 1955 as a puisne judge. He transferred to Sierra Leone in 1958. Three years later he officiated at a plebiscite which decided the boundaries between Nigeria and the Cameroons, then was promoted Chief Justice in the High

Commission territories of Basutoland (now Lesotho), Bechuanaland (now Botswana) and Swaziland, where he was also president of the Court of Appeal throughout the region. Knighted in 1963, he retired from the Colonial Legal Service in 1965, at the relatively

early age of 54. Returning to Britain, he settled back into country life near his old home in Devon. presiding from time to time over various tribunals until he was uprooted again two years later by an appointment as a High Court judge in Malawi. He was promoted to the position of Chief Justice from the High Court Bench.

Watkin Williams's resignation in 1969 did not quite mark the end of his career. In 1974 he was made an Occasional Chief Justice for the South Atlantic, presiding at intervals over trials in such distant courts as St Helena, Tristan da Cunha and the Falkland Islands. It was the Palklands War which brought this phase of his career to an end. Although he was invited to return after the fighting, Watkin Williams, by now 71, found the islands so much changed that he did not relish

the prospect. A good-looking, if fiery, Celt, Watkin Williams was also capable of great charm. He was essentially a countryman - an accomplished fly fisherman and knowledgeable naturalist who was also passionately fond of playing and watching cricket. During his one year at Cambridge he helped to found the Cambridge Sou westers, a cricket XI which toured the West Country before the Second World War. He also belonged to Somerset County Cricket

Peter Watkin Williams is survived by his wife Jane, whose family had lived near his own old home in Devon and whom he married in Hong Kong in 1938, and by two daughters.

PAT COTTER

Pat Cotter, classicist, bridge player, crossword champion, died on March 8 aged 91. He was born on September 24, 1904.

A SENIOR member of of the Classics department at St Paul's School, Patrick Cotter ests with an unusual combination of sporting pursuits. The crossword compiler for the Financial Times and bridge columnist for that newspaper and for Country Life. Cotter also excelled at marginally more strenuous sports cricket, golf and croquet. He was one of the best players in the world of that last, most subtle game.

Edmond Patrick Charles Cotter - always known as Pat - spent almost his entire working life at St Paul's School. He was born in Ireland, the son of a soldier. St Paul's was then in West Kensington (it is now in Barnes), and Cotter joined it as a new bot from its preparatory school. Colet Court, in September 1917. He was awarded an open scholarship in Classics to Christ Church. Oxford, in 1923, where he won the Gaisford Prize. After a short spell teaching at Sherborne, he returned to St Paul's as a member of staff in 1928, and remained there until his retirement in 1965 barring his service as squadron leader in the RAF during the war. After the war he decided to brush up his Classics, and took a second



degree, achieving the only first awarded in that subject to external students at London

University that year. benefited from Cotter's breadth of scholarship and bonhomie, which he com-bined with a polished, urbane manner. He made Greek his speciality and his knowledge of the language and its nuances was encyclopaedic. His Greek prose and verse compositions were highly idiomatic and creative in the best traditions of the art, and he had a remarkable memory, being able to quote long passage from Greek tragedy. In 1947 he was joined at the school by William Walker Cruickshank and together they built up one of the most formidable classi-

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cal departments of any public school. He was president of one of the games houses.

Retirement for Cotter meant no diminution in his labours. and he built up a second career as a writer. He was an excellent bridge player (he often played a rubber with his boys during tutorial periods or lunch breaks), and represented Britain before the war, winning the 1934 and 1938 Gold Cup. He now became the bridge correspondent of the Financial Times and Country Life, and he wrote about the game until his death.

He began composing cross-words for the Financial Times in the late 1960s, putting together a team of three compilers - himself, a civil servant and a schools inspector —

who would each construct two a week. He found that his years of composing Greek verse gave him confidence in making up clues - "the same kind of mental gymnastics," he said. His favourite clues were "Skulduggery in Sussex Piltdown"; and a more

risqué one he regretted he could never use: "Not to be Ineffable". The management of the Financial Times asked him to make his crosswords easier than those which appeared in The Times, as they felt that their readers did not possess the same farreaching knowledge. Cotter regretted this decision, which he at least felt was based on an

Cotter also liked chess and

snooker. But his other real sporting passion was croquet which he had played since the age of seven, when he was given his first set, but which he took up properly only when a minor injury had put paid, temporarily, to his golf. He became one of the postwar croquet greats, an excellent tactician who rarely had to hit the ball hard and who preferred a "touch" approach to the game. He won the British open doubles ten times, the British open three times, and the President's Cup six times. In 1963 he captained the English team which played a series of Test matches against Australia and New Zealand He was the author of Tackle

inaccuracy.

Croquet This Way (1960). His wife Yvonne, whom he married in 1934, predeceased him. There were no children.

Richard Hill, historian of the Sudan, died in Oxford on March 21 aged 95. He was born on February 18, 1901.

RICHARD HILL was the last and arguably the best of the gifted and industrious amateur historians which service in the Sudan seemed to prothem he had many of the characteristics of an expatr-

Although born in Wiltshire, Richard Leslie Hill was brought up partly in New Zealand and, like others of his generation, felt himself a citizen of the world. He was recruited to the Sudan Civil Service in 1927 and worked mainly in the railways until 1945, when he retired after war service to teach history in the then University College of

Khartoum in 1949 he went to Durham as a senior lecturer, retiring in 1966, after which he held visiting appointments at California, Simon Fraser, and Ahmadu Bello universities. In 1970 he returned to Oxford. which remained his base until

Even before his first arrival in the Sudan, Hill began the researches that were to occupy both his leisure there and his working life in Durham and Oxford. In the 1920s there were huge gaps even in the general reference works that today are taken for granted. Filling them was a task ideally suited to Hill's temperament and ability; tireless, painstaking, and with apparently infi-nite patience. Hill compiled and published A bibliography of the Sudan in 1939 and A biographical dictionary of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan in 1951, both still essential works.

RICHARD HILL

His most important work of narrative history, Egypt in the Sudan, 1820-1881, followed in 1959. This and a group of shorter pieces departed from the received view that that period had been one of unre-lieved misery. The book certainly succeeded in explaining the Turkiyya in the context of the late Ottoman provincial

In a retirement of exemplary productivity Hill concentrated his researches on the role of Europeans in the Sudan and the relations between them and the Sudanese. Slatin Pasha and Sudan transport both appeared in 1965, On the frontiers of Islam in 1970. The opening of the Nile Basin in 1974, The Europeans in the Sudan, 1834-1878 in 1980. The Sudan memoirs Carl Christian Giegler Pasha in 1984, and, astonishingly. A Black corps d'elite, an account of the Sudanese battalion in Mexico, in 1995.

It does not belittle this

achievement to view as Hill's greatest contribution the establishment of the Sudan Archive at Durham University. Again, the task was suited to the man. In the 1950s he had the vision to recognise that the private papers of British officials and others who had served in the Sudan should be collected and made safe for future istorians — and he had the industry to do the work him-self. This was a labour of love, but the labour was prodigious and thankless, involving not only long correspondence with potential donors but also listing, cataloguing, copying, and all without financial help or technical assistance. The result was the creation of a splendid resource for the study of the Sudan and its neighbours, one that can only



grow in importance with time. His was an achievement that Durham recently recognised with an honorary doctorate. In retirement at Oxford, Hill became a familiar figure, sought out by three generations of historians and others interested in the Sudan. At Banbury Road, then Osberton Road, and finally at St John's Home, morning coffee might stretch to lunch and even afternoon tea; Hill was a great and generous storyteller. To the bright-eyed student his appeal combined personal knowledge, understanding of human nature, a complete lack of self-importance and a genuine interest in others and their work.

He was, in the best sense, a man of the world; he loved Italy and France, balanced

criticism of America and Germany with delight in Germans and Americans, sympathised with Egypt and loved the Sudanese. Devoutly Christian, he admired Islam, was perplexed by atheism, but saw humour even in religion; the church in which he was married he called "the ugliest in Christendom". His industry long ago became legend; he thought nothing of burrowing in Turkish archives in his seventies and traipsing around Mexican battlefields in his eighties. He seemed embarrassed by admiration; critics he disarmed with kindness; his modesty was a candle to his merit.

Hill's wife Juliana, whom he married in 1937, died in 1988. He is survived by their four daughters.

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year-old son has been proclaimed as

King Feisal II under the Regency of his

From Our Correspondent BAGHDAD, April 4 King Ghazi died at 12.40 a.m. to-day from injuries received in a motor

accident late last night. According to the bulletin signed by five doctors, his Majesty had severe fractures of the skull, causing extreme laceration of the brain. He never recovered consciousness. The accident happened at 11.30 last night while the King was driving his own car near the Palace. The car struck an electric-light

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The new boy king also came to a violent end: he was killed 19 years later in a revolt which led to the end of the monarchy in Iraq.

In announcing to the nation, with the deepest regret, the death of the King, the Cabinet appeals to Almighty God to preserve for the country King Ghazi's only son, his Majesty King Feisal II. The Cabinet has already proclaimed the accession of the new King, who is not quite four years old, and invited his uncle, the Emir Abdul IIah, provisionally to act as Regent "in accordance with the wish expressed by King Ghazi as testified by the Queen in a statement to the Council of Ministers." A special

meeting of the Parliament is to be convoked in order to provide for the Regency. The Chamber of Deputies was recently dissolved, but the Constitution provides that if the need for appointing a Regent should arise after a Chamber has been dissolved and before its successor is elected the dissolved Chamber may be reassembled for this purpose.

MOURNING PROCESSIONS King Ghazi's death is being mourned with great intensity by the emotional people of Baghdad. Since early morning processions of people weeping and beating their breasts have been passing through the main streets. All other traffic is stopped, shops are closed, and the normal life of the city is at a standstill. The late King had certainly captured the affections of his people. He was a fearless horseman, an enthusiastic airman who piloted his own machines, and an ardent motorist with a passion for speed, and his physical courage was beyond any doubt.

The new King Feisal II has had an English nurse since infancy.

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Statisticians solve problems we did not know we had in a way we do not understand. They put their heads in the oven and their feet in the freezer, and report to us incredulous spectators that on average they feel just fine......Page 18 SUE CAMERON

Diplomats tend to see the Princess of Wales as a loose cannon. "I suppose she could be asked to do the occasional trade visit," one diplomat conceded, adding waspishly: "A retail fashion week in Salt Lake City, perhaps?".....

OBJUARIES

Ronald Brown, US Secretary for Commerce and former Democratic Party chairman: Pat Cotter, classicist and croquet champion: Richard Hill, expert in Sudanese Studies; Sir Peter Watkin Hams, overseas judge Page 21

ETTERS

BURNOUS -

Frank Field, MP, on "chaos" of social security budget; science and evolution: need for reform in the countryside; RSPCA; Chinook inquiry; mental health.......... Page 19

🂢 Sunny

Sunny interval

⇔Cloudy

Drizzle

Rain

Overcast

Sunny showers

Sleet and summy showers

Lightning

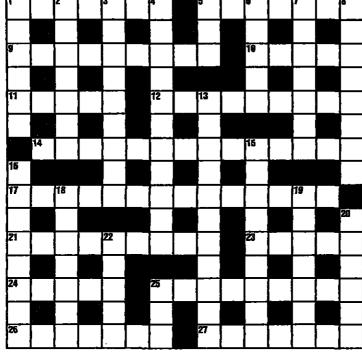
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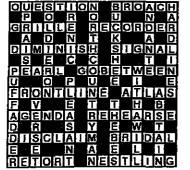
13 (Celsius)

Wind speed

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,134



- i Such a dog could make mother tense (7).
- 5 Not remembering how cinema's
- changed (7). 9 Pole this way appears loyal to PM
- 10 Run on track to prepare for races
- 11 Permission to go (5). 12 County's MP intervenes in drug
- outrage (9). 2 14 Be prepared for chucking, and
- don't wilt under pressure (4,4,4,2). 17 Test note for political anthem (14). 21 Wheels set in motion before, in another place (9).
- 23 Get scared by monarch and cringe (5).
- 24 A driver starting behind the record-holder (5). 25 Quartet played to greatly moved
- assembly (9).
- Solution to Puzzle No 20.133



- reveals punishment (7). 27 Lessening of strain of French
- reaching accommodation temporarily with English (7).

DOWN

- I Bottle or tin, say? (6). 2 Abroad in sensible garb for priest
- 3 Host at home with new sportsman (3-6).
- 4 Money that was small beer for a petticoat (11).
- Primarily, applaud Sir Henry Wood (3).
- 6 Marks as currency (5). 7 Quiet as a bird, according to the author (7).
- 8 Criminal to try for possible offence in court (8).
- 13 Is Frank, in sea, off course? (11). 15 Skilful work from crewman on
- 16 Dismissed a politician's dangerous gas (8).

vessel (9).

- 18 Try to catch up in arms limitation (4.3).19 Information not to be found by
- looking up? (3-4). 20 Supporting arch. say, for break-
- 22 Not entirely trouble and strife to
- their partners? (5). 25 Help when driving out of junction, say (3).
 - Times Two Crossword, page 44

N Ireland

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☐ General: most of England and Wales will have a dry day with much sunshine after early morning mist and frost have lifted. In the south and southeast the sunshine may become rather hazy at times and later thicker cloud may give

odd spots of drizzle. The Hebrides may be cloudy with a little rain the rain edging eastwards into mainland northern Scotland, Orkney and Shetland later. Elsewhere in Scotland and Northern Ireland it will be bright and dry with sunny periods.

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England: dry with sunny periods. Cloud thickening later. Spots of rain overnight. Wind brisk, easter cold. Maximum temperature 11C

□ E England, W Midlands.

Maximum temperature 11C (52F),

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Jonathan Meades finds out if a Masterchef can run a restaurant

■ FOOD

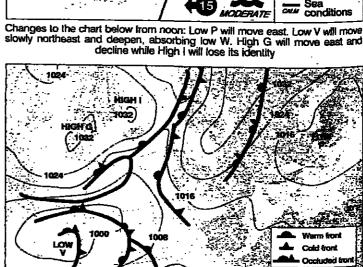
FORECAST Wales, NW England, Central N England: dry with sunny periods. Wind light, easterly. Cold. Maximum temperature 9C to 10C (48F

> ☐ Lake District, Isle of Man. NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central High-lands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: dry and mostly sunny. Patchy cloud developing in afternoon. Winds light, southerly. Mild.

☐ NE, Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, rather cloudy with spots of rain in places. Winds moderate or fresh, southerly. Cool. Maximum temperature 10C (50F).

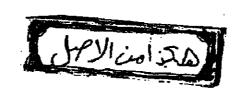
Outlook for the weekend: it will be cloudier in places but still mostly dry. There will be some

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